

# INFO SHEET #2:

## FREE AND LOW-COST LEGAL SERVICES

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### I. Free Legal Information Clinics - phone and walk-in

Some legal information clinics may also offer legal advice. You can ask the clinic about this when you contact them.

#### **Community Justice Centers**

- 13 centres across Quebec. To find address and phone number of nearest one go to [www.justicedeproximite.qc.ca/en/](http://www.justicedeproximite.qc.ca/en/)
- Covers multiple areas of law
- Provides “pre-mediation” services (preparation for mediation) for family law and small claims court cases
- No appointment necessary (when walk-in services operating)

#### **Legal Clinic of the Barreau du Québec** <https://www.cliniquejuridiquebarreau.ca/en/>

- Covers multiple areas of law
- Appointment required – by phone or in person: 1-833-997-2527 or 514-954-9512
  - Montreal: 445 Saint-Laurent Boulevard
  - Quebec City: 76 St-Paul Street
  - Gatineau: 41 Victoria Street
  - Sherbrooke: 380 King Street West

#### **University-based legal information clinics**

- McGill: 514-398-6792
- Université de Montréal: 514-343-7851 (by appointment only)
- Université de Sherbrooke: 819-821-8000 # 65221
- University of Ottawa: 613-562-5600 (by appointment only)

### **The Legal Collective** <https://lecollectifjuridique.ca/en/>

- Operates four legal info clinics in Montreal:
  - Mordecai-Richler Library, 5434 Parc Avenue
  - Organisme Accès Bénévolat, 2544 Rosemont Boulevard
  - Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, 870 Richmond Square
  - Ressource Action-Alimentaire, 7000 avenue du Parc, 314A
- Covers multiple areas of law
- Appointment required – by phone or in person: 514-507-3054

### **Women's Centre of Montreal** <https://centredesfemmesdemtl.org/en/>

- 3585 Saint-Urbain, Montreal
- Covers multiple areas of law
- For women only
- By phone: 514-842-4780

### **Head and Hands** <https://headandhands.ca/programsservices/legal-services>

- 3465 Benny, Montreal
- Covers multiple areas of law but oriented toward legal education and support of youth
- Free of charge for youth 12-25, suggested contribution of \$20 if older
- By phone and email only: 514-481-0277 # 227, legalclinic@headandhands.ca

### **Project Genesis** [www.genese.qc.ca](http://www.genese.qc.ca)

- 4735 Côte-Ste-Catherine Road, Montreal
- Covers mainly access to government programs (e.g., welfare, pensions, family allowances) and tenant's rights
- By phone or appointment 514-738-2036

### **Montreal City Mission** [www.montrealcitymission.org/en](http://www.montrealcitymission.org/en)

- 1435 City Councillors Street, 3rd Floor, Montreal
  - Just Solutions Clinic for immigration and Refugee Law
  - Roger Snelling Clinic: legal information for people aged 55 and older
- By phone or email without appointment: 514-844-9128 # 105
- In person, by appointment

### **Arnold Bennett Tenants' Rights Hotline and Walk-in Clinic**

#### <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HousingHotline>

- Walk-in clinic: 1440 Stanley Street, Rm. 517, Montreal, Sundays at 11a.m., no appointment necessary
- Phone info line: 514-488-0412

### **Housing committees and tenant associations**

- There are over 50 housing committees and tenant associations in Quebec.  
To find the organization nearest you and their contact information, visit the following website:  
<https://rclalq.qc.ca/en/housing-committee/>
- Covers tenant rights

### **West Island Community Resource Centre Legal Clinic**

<https://crcinfo.ca/programs-and-services/#legal>

- 114 Donegani, Pointe Claire
- Covers multiple areas of law
- By phone or appointment: 514-694-6404

### **Young Bar of Montreal Public Services** <https://ajbm.qc.ca/en/>

- Can provide assistance to people in Montreal representing themselves before the small claims court, the Tribunal administratif du logement (rental board), the Tribunal administratif du travail and the Tribunal administratif du Québec regarding crime victim's compensation)
- Also provides on-site assistance to people representing themselves in criminal matters

## **II. Free and Low-cost Legal Advice and Representation**

### **Quebec Bar Association's low-cost consultation with a lawyer**

- Cost of a consultation with a lawyer varies between \$50 and \$60 depending on your region
- For the cost, duration of consultation and the phone number to call for your region see: <https://www.barreau.qc.ca/en/find-lawyer/referral-services/>
- This cost is only for an initial consultation. If you ask the lawyer for further services (for example, further consultations or for representation) you must reach an agreement regarding fees.

### **Quebec Legal Aid**

- Provides free (or in some cases low-cost) legal representation for low-income people in all regions of Quebec
- For information on eligibility criteria and to find a Legal Aid office, see:  
<http://www.csj.qc.ca/commission-des-services-juridiques/aide-juridique/Quest-ce-que-aide-juridique/en>
- Any lawyer in private practice can also accept legal aid work
- 514-873-3562

## Juripop

- Provides legal consultation and representation in most areas of law at \$60 per hour for people who slightly exceed the financial cut-offs for Quebec Legal Aid
- The request must be made online, with proof of income
- For more information and to apply: <https://juripop.org/en/i-need-a-lawyer-eligibility/>

## Rebâtir

- Provides four hours of legal consultation and advice for victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence
- Service is free of charge regardless of your income
- Consultation is with lawyers specialized in different fields, including family law, immigration, youth protection and criminal law
- For more information: <https://www.rebatir.ca/?lang=en> or 1-833-732-2847

## Justice Pro Bono

- Provides free legal representation in some areas of law to people who do not qualify for legal aid
- Areas of law include family law, services to non-profit organizations and refugee law
- For more information and to apply: <https://justiceprobono.ca/en/we-can-help-you/> or 514-904-1076

## Read also:

Info Sheet #1: Finding Reliable Legal Information

<https://educaloi.qc.ca/en/publications/info-sheet-1-finding-reliable-legal-information/>

Info Sheet #3: Legal Information vs. Legal advice

<https://educaloi.qc.ca/en/publications/info-sheet-3-legal-information-vs-legal-advice/>

Info Sheet #4: Legal Responsibilities of Staff and Volunteers

<https://educaloi.qc.ca/en/publications/info-sheet-4-legal-responsibilites-of-staff-and-volunteers/>

Legal Information and Referrals Guide

<https://educaloi.qc.ca/en/publications/legal-information-and-referrals-guide/>

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