



# **National Self-Represented Litigants Project East**

## **New Brunswick Resources for Self- Represented Litigants**

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## **New Brunswick**

### **Association des jurists d'expression française du Nouveau-Brunswick (AJEFNB)**

<https://www.ajefnb.nb.ca/>

(506) 853-4151

L'Association des jurists d'expression française du Nouveau-Brunswick Inc. ("AJEFNB") est une association à but non lucratif. Créée en 1987, elle oeuvre activement à l'avancement de l'exercice du droit en français au Nouveau-Brunswick. Forte de ses 250 membres – avocates et avocats, juges, stagiaires, étudiantes et étudiants – elle occupe une place de choix sur la scène publique et politique.

### **Elizabeth Fry Society of New Brunswick**

Toll Free: 1 (866) 301-8800

Phone: (506) 635-8851

<https://efrynb.ca/>

The Elizabeth Fry Society of New Brunswick supports women and gender-diverse people affected by the correctional services system. They have several initiatives including education and advocacy for the broader public, health and wellness initiatives, individual services, including court navigation, bail programs, and advocacy support and preparation for parole board hearing and release planning. They also have a housing program, and many resources both legal and beyond.

### **Fredericton Legal Advice Clinic**

<https://www.facebook.com/frederictonlegaladviceclinic2015>

Phone: (506) 455-1301

The Fredericton Legal Advice Clinic Inc. is a registered not-for-profit based in Fredericton, NB. It was created to address the rising number of access to justice issues that New Brunswick is currently facing. It also provides an opportunity for students to gain experience and for lawyers to give back to their community.

### **John Howard Society of New Brunswick**

Phone: (506) 657-5547

<http://jhsnb.ca>

A non-profit agency concerned with the problem of crime and its prevention. Contains resource papers and services.

### **Law Society of New Brunswick Law Library**

Phone: (506) 453-2500

<http://lawsociety-barreau.nb.ca/en/public/law-libraries>

The Law Society allows the public to access their law library.

## **New Brunswick Domestic Violence Help & Programs**

<https://www.domesticshelters.org/help/nb.new-brunswick>

This website offers an overview of domestic violence programs available to residents of New Brunswick in fifteen cities across the province. You can follow the hyperlink to each respective city and see what programs are available in that area. Services vary from emergency shelters, to counseling services, housing services, support services, children's services and community educational services.

The Government of New Brunswick also provides Domestic Violence Outreach Services in most major cities. The list of phone numbers for these government Domestic Violence Outreach Services are listed below:

Acadian Peninsula: (506) 395-6233  
Bathurst: (506) 545-8952  
Campbellton: (506) 790-1178  
Charlotte County: (506) 469-5544  
Kent County: (506) 743-5449  
Edmundston: (506) 740-4888  
Fredericton: (506) 458-9774  
Kennebecasis Valley: (506) 847-6277  
Miramichi: (506) 778-6496  
Moncton: (506) 377-5444 & (506) 381-8808  
Saint John: (506) 566-5960  
Shediac: (506) 533-9100  
Sussex: (506) 433-0608  
Woodstock: (506) 328-9680

Other government resources can be found [here](#).

## **New Brunswick Legal Aid Services Commission**

<http://www.legalaid-aidejuridique-nb.ca/>

### **Local Offices:**

Bathurst (506) 546-5010  
Campbellton (506) 753-6453  
Edmundston (506) 735-4213  
Fredericton (506) 444-2776  
Miramichi (506) 622-1061  
Moncton (506) 853-7300  
Saint John (506) 633-6030  
Tracadie-Sheila (506) 395-1507  
Woodstock (506) 328-8127

**Services offered:**

***Call a Lawyer when Detained at Police Office***

Legal Aid offers a free 24 hour service to anyone accused of an offence (ie., no eligibility criteria) to consult with a lawyer on short notice while they are detained in custody.

***Duty Counsel***

For certain criminal matters, you may be able to get advice from Duty Counsel at the court house. Duty Counsel can explain the court process and give you informal advice about making a plea, asking for an adjournment, and appearing at a bail hearing or at sentencing. There is no financial eligibility criteria and no cost to access duty counsel services at the courthouse.

Legal Aid also provides duty counsel services for the following specialized courts including Mental Health Docket, Mental health Review Board, Domestic Violence Court, and Elsipogtog Healing to Wellness Court.

***Criminal Trial Services***

If you have been charged with a criminal offence and you cannot afford a lawyer, you may apply for legal aid.

***Family Duty Counsel***

Respondents can access Duty Counsel for certain family law matters right at the courthouse or can contact their local office. There is no financial eligibility criteria and no cost to access duty counsel.

***Family Legal Aid***

If you meet financial eligibility criteria you may receive a certificate to have a lawyer assist you with the following family law matters: child protection proceedings, child support, parenting order, spousal support, divorce, Emergency Protection Orders pursuant to the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*, and Emergency Intervention Orders pursuant to *Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Act*.

**Office of Support Enforcement (OSE)**

Call 24-hour Toll-Free Info-line: 1-888-488-3767 for information on the status of your case

Fredericton clients: 506-444-3767

Central Payment Office: 1-506-444-4131

[http://www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca/en/uploads/file/pdfs/Family\\_Support\\_Orders\\_Service\\_EN.pdf](http://www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca/en/uploads/file/pdfs/Family_Support_Orders_Service_EN.pdf)

OSE monitors and enforces support orders and agreements filed with the service. This is a service of the New Brunswick Department of Justice to promote a dependable flow of support payments.

**Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick**

<http://www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca/>

Phone: (506) 453-5369

Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick (PLEIS-NB) is a non-profit, charitable organization that was set up in 1989 to provide New Brunswickers with information on the law. Based in Fredericton, PLEIS-NB offers law information products and services to the entire province.

They do not provide specific legal advice, but law information services. They have publications, as well as a video section and general FAQ. This is a list of the legal topics they have publications for:

- Abuse and Violence
- Consumer and Non-Profit Law
- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Going to Court
- Housing and Property
- Planning Ahead
- Self-Help Guides
- You & Your Rights
- Youth and the Law

They are also responsible for several other websites and projects on more specific areas of law. These are listed below.

***The Healing Journey: Family Violence Prevention in Aboriginal Communities***

<http://www.thehealingjourney.ca/main.asp>

A collection of publications for people who are working in family violence prevention for on-reserve and off-reserve Aboriginal communities.

***The Silent Witness Project***

<http://www.silentwitness.ca/home>

The Silent Witness Project has a mandate to remember New Brunswick women lost to intimate partner violence, as well as to create awareness around family violence and promote action through sharing local resources.

***It's Your Business: A Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence Workplace Toolkit***

<http://www.toolkitnb.ca/HOME/>

This toolkit is designed to develop, manage and distribute resources to address domestic violence in the workplace. It includes fact sheets, resources, and training.

***Safer Places NB***

<https://saferplacesnb.ca/>

This website offers workplace sexual harassment training through either registering for a local workshop or take an e-learning course. They offer workshops for both employers and employees. They also have a resource section.

***Youth Justice***

[www.youthjusticenb.ca](http://www.youthjusticenb.ca)

This site gives children and youth in New Brunswick access to booklets, videos and games that explain youth rights. It covers topics such as abuse and exploitation, what to do if you find yourself in trouble with the law, a youth's legal rights in several situations, as well as parent and teacher resources for education.

***Speakers' Bureau***

A collaborative program with the Canadian Bar Association – NB Branch to provide the public with lawyers who are willing to talk to groups free of charge about particular topics so that you can learn about the law.

***Family Law New Brunswick***

[www.familylawnb.ca](http://www.familylawnb.ca)

Provides family law clinics as well as resources for those self-representing in family court. It is maintained and administered by the Public Legal and Information Service of New Brunswick. It contains information on the following topics: family law workshops, ask an expert videos, general family law FAQs, information on going to court, family law forms, family law publications, and self-help guides. They also have information on how to find a lawyer or get help, as well as information for parents going through separation or divorce. The website contains the following information about the Family Advice Lawyer:

***Family Law New Brunswick Services:***

***Family Law Line***

1 888 236 2444

A toll-free family law information line that can help answer general question about accessing the family law system.

***Family Law Workshops for self-represented Litigants***

Provided around the province each month these workshops cover topics such as doing your own divorce, changing child support and going to family court. They help prepare you for navigating the court system on your own.

***Family Advice Lawyer***

Family advice lawyers are available to provide free general legal information for up to two hours on family law matters. They can explain what to expect from the court process and help you understand court forms. If you do not live in a region with a FLIC, you can contact the family advice lawyers. To get an appointment with a family advice lawyer in your area, call toll free: 1-855-266-0266.

***Family Law Information Centre (FLIC)***

There are two Family Law Information Centre, one at the Moncton law courts and one at the Saint John courts. They serve only their judicial districts. They offer information and resources about family law issues, referrals to other services and help connect the public with the family advice lawyer.

If you live in the Saint John region, contact the Family Law Information Centre at 506-658-2261 to book an appointment.

If you live in the Moncton region, contact the Family Law Information Centre at 506-856-3131 to book an appointment

***Court-Ordered Evaluations Support Program (C-OESP)***

[www.familylawnb.ca/english/forms\\_evaluations\\_support\\_program](http://www.familylawnb.ca/english/forms_evaluations_support_program)

This is a subsidy program to offset the costs to parents when the court orders a professional evaluation in a contested custody and/or access case. It is operated by the Department of Justice.

Eligibility for full or partial assistance depends on income.

***Parent Information Program***

[http://www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca/en/for\\_sake\\_of\\_children](http://www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca/en/for_sake_of_children)

To register, call toll free: 1-888-236-2444

In Fredericton area call: 506-444-3767

Free 6-hour parenting after separation course (in two sessions) that focuses on helping parents help their children. Presented by the Department of Justice with the participation of PLESI-NB. (All participants must register.)

**Residential Tenancies Tribunal**

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/renting-in-new-brunswick/solve-a-problem.html>

Phone: 1 (888) 762-8600

Email: [irent@snb.ca](mailto:irent@snb.ca)

The Residential Tenancies Tribunal can help resolve disputes between tenants and landlords when they cannot resolve the dispute themselves. The Tribunal can also help with victims of domestic violence attempting to get out of a lease, evictions, as well as emergencies. You can check out all available assistance at their new website [here](#).

**Sexual Violence New Brunswick**

<https://svnb.ca/en/>

Support Line: (506) 454-0437

Sexual Violence New Brunswick's mission is to provide information, support, and counselling to those affected by sexual violence (sexual assault, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, and incest) and dating violence.

**The Law Society of New Brunswick**

Phone: (506) 458-8540

[www.lawsociety-barreau.nb.ca](http://www.lawsociety-barreau.nb.ca)

The Law Society offers a list of lawyers licensed to practice in New Brunswick. Look under "Lawyer Search" at the top of the page. You can check a lawyer's status or search for a lawyer by city. The Law Society also offers information on how to file a complaint about a lawyer's conduct and how to have a lawyer's bill reviewed. Staff cannot give you advice, represent you, or help you sue a lawyer.

**UNB Trans I.D. Clinic**

<https://unbtransidclinic.wixsite.com/home>

The Trans I.D clinic helps clients assistance with their legal transition, including the process of updating one's legal name and/or sex marker on provincial and/or federal identification documents.

## **UNB Wills Project**

<https://unbprobono.ca/wills-project/>

UNB students help the public with will drafting, power of attorney drafting, and presentations for New Brunswick citizens unable to access a lawyer.

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