



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

## **Prince Edward Island Resources for Self- Represented Litigants**

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## Prince Edward Island

### Community Legal Information (CLI)

Telephone: (902) 892-0853

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<https://legalinfopei.ca/>

The Community Legal Information (CLI) is a non-profit that provides free legal information through a phone line, website, e-mail, publications, and outreach efforts. CLI also provides lawyer referrals for Islanders who need legal advice and would like to connect with a lawyer and sells the PEI Uncontested Divorce Kit and the PEI Power of Attorney Kit.

They also have legal information on the following topics: criminal law, family law, going to court, health and the law, housing and property, information in non-official languages, organizations and businesses, wills, estates and planning ahead, and youth.

#### List of services:

***Inquiry Line:*** <https://legalinfopei.ca/inquiry-line/>

People can call for information on many topics, including but not limited to: divorce, custody, child support, company and commercial, labour and employment, consumer protection, and more.

***Lawyer Referral Service:*** <https://legalinfopei.ca/lawyer-referral-service/>

This service is available to anyone, regardless of income and is designed to encourage you to seek legal advice early. The referral is for information and general advice only. The lawyer cannot prepare documents or act as your representative within the consultation. Some lawyers can communicate in French, you can indicate your language preference when you call.

#### ***Do-It-Yourself Kits***

Uncontested Divorce Kit: <https://legalinfopei.ca/uncontested-divorce-kit/>

Power of Attorney Kit: <https://legalinfopei.ca/power-of-attorney-kit/>

#### A list of CLI projects:

##### ***RISE Program***

(902) 218-6143

<https://legalinfopei.ca/projects/rise/>

The RISE program provides free legal resources and support to people who have experienced sexual violence and workplace sexual harassment. Their legal resources include legal information, free advice from a lawyer for up to four hours, support navigating the justice system, and referrals to other community support services. To be eligible for this program you must be a victim of sexual violence or workplace sexual harassment, a current resident of PEI or a person who experienced sexual violence or workplace sexual harassment on PEI, and at least 16 years of age.

***Sexting, Cyberbullying and the Criminal Code***

<https://legalinfopei.ca/projects/sexting-cyberbullying-and-the-criminal-code/>

This project developed resources about sexting and cyberbullying including a plain language legal publication, short education videos, and a workshop tailored for youth aged 12 to 14. The goal is to increase the public's knowledge about the legal consequences of sexualized cyberviolence for victims, bystanders and perpetrators. It also includes information about healthy relationship building and decision-making skills.

***Renting PEI***

(902) 940-5368

<https://www.rentingpei.ca/en/home>

Renting PEI assists tenants by providing legal information, referrals, as well as support during the rental hearing process. They also deliver workshops on tenants' rights and responsibilities. The website includes information on before you rent, while you rent, leaving your rental, and resolving conflict.

***Peer Learning: Legal Information for Seniors***

<https://legalinfopei.ca/projects/peer-learning-legal-information-for-seniors/>

This project is focused on senior-led peer learning, and features 15 legal education videos about a variety of topics including, wills, power of attorney, health care decisions, senior care facilities, and other topics of interest.

***Self-Represented Litigant's Handbook***

<https://legalinfopei.ca/projects/self-represented-litigants-handbook/>

This self-represented litigant guide helps people to represent themselves in court. It is a plain-language handbook that gives information about the family court process. There is also have a [handbook](#) on how to go to family court without a lawyer.

***Family Law Essentials Workshop***

<https://legalinfopei.ca/projects/family-law-essentials-workshop/>

These workshops are about family law, and are available upon request in English, French, Arabic and Mandarin.

**Family Law Centre (Operated by the Department of Justice and Public Safety)**

Phone: (902) 368-6940

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/justice-and-public-safety/family-law>

The Family Law Centre is run by the Department of Justice and Public Safety and is located in downtown Charlottetown. The Family Law Centre provides programs oriented towards the best interest of the children and services for families going through the court system. They can help with navigating the court system for child support services, offer resources on how to calculate child support payments, what to do if you need to change a child support order, how to seek child support from out of province, and can aid in child support recalculation. Their other family law related services are listed below:

***Applying for a Child Support Order***

[Webpage](#)

Phone: (902) 368-6220

Child Support Guidelines Officers help parents without lawyers who are applying for child support for the first time. They can provide assistance to both parents, but are not lawyer and do not provide legal advice, but assist parents through the court system. They can also assist in applying to change a child support order or agreement.

***Child Focused Parenting Plan Mediation***

[Webpage](#)

Phone: (902) 368-6928

Parents having difficulties regarding parenting time and decision making can access this service to have a mediator assist in developing a parenting plan to aid parents successfully co-parent. There is no fee for this service. A mediator does not provide legal advice.

***Children's Lawyer***

[Webpage](#)

Phone: (902) 368-4842

This is a government service that aims to provide a lawyer to children of parents who are going through the legal courts. The lawyer can act as a legal representative or guardian of the child to ensure their needs are met. It can be requested from the judge, or from the parents themselves.

***Maintenance Enforcement Program***

[Webpage](#)

Phone: (902) 894-0383

The Maintenance Enforcement Program is an enrollable program to manage support payments, both child and spousal, that are contained in a court order or separation agreement within PEI. There is no fee to be enrolled in the program, but charges may apply for late payments and enforcement action.

***New Ways for Families programming for Island Families***

[Webpage](#)

Phone: (902) 368-6928

This program is for high-conflict separation or divorces. They can be referred to this program through the Courts, Family Court Counsellors' Office or the Office of the Children's Lawyer. There is no fee if referred to the program. It is offered both in-person and on-line.

***Positive Parenting from Two Homes Program***

[Webpage](#)

Phone: (902) 368-4333

This is a free at home program that provides information to parents who are separating, divorcing, or parenting from two homes. The program discusses positive parenting, managing and reducing conflict, what children need, making decision, among many other topics. There is also child friendly supplement that can be found [here](#).

***Supervised Parenting Time and Exchange Program***

[Webpage](#)

Phone: (902) 368-6928

This service is provided by the Family Court Counsellor's Office, and provides both parenting time between child and parent under a program staff supervision as well as supervised exchange where one parent brings the child to the visiting place and another picks the child up, and the program staff supervises to ensure parents do not engage during the exchange. The initial referral for this program must come from a court order.

**John Howard Society of Prince Edward Island**

Phone: (902) 566-5425

<http://pei.johnhoward.ca>

A non-profit agency concerned with the problem of crime and its prevention. Contains resource papers and services including information on requesting a pardon.

**Law Society of Prince Edward Island**

<http://lawsocietypei.ca>

The Law Society offers a list of lawyers licensed to practice in PEI. Look under "For The Public" at the top of the page.

You can find the lawyer directory here: <http://lawsocietypei.ca/find-a-lawyer>

**Prince Edward Island Legal Aid**

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/justice-and-public-safety/legal-aid>

**Criminal legal aid applications and inquiries:**

Charlottetown: (902) 368-6043

Summerside: (902) 888-8219

**Family and civil legal aid applications and inquiries:**

Charlottetown: (902) 368-6656

Summerside: (902) 888-8066

Legal aid provides legal representation and assistance to low-income citizens with serious legal needs in the areas of criminal law, youth criminal law, or family and civil law. You must be eligible and you must apply to access the services of legal aid.

## **PEI Public Law Library**

<http://lawsocietypei.ca/law-library>

The library at the Sir Louis Henry Davies Law Courts Building is open to the public. Books cannot be removed from the library.

You can contact the librarian at: (902) 368-6099

## **Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal Pro Bono Legal Advice for Self-Represented Litigants**

<https://www.courts.pe.ca/court-of-appeal/pro-bono-legal-advice-clinic-for-self>

The clinic provides free summary legal advice to self-represented litigants in the areas of family law and civil law. The website contains the following information about the clinic:

- You must make an appointment to visit the clinic: Appointments may be made by contacting Kerrilee MacConnell at 902-368-6005 or Community Legal Information Association at 902-892-0853 or 1-800-240-9798.
- The free summary legal advice clinic will be held each Wednesday from 9am to 12pm at the Sir Louis Henry Davies Law Courts, 42 Water Street, Charlottetown.
- You are able to meet with a volunteer lawyer in private for a 45-minute consultation.

## **Courts of Prince Edward Island**

<https://www.courts.pe.ca/>

Provides information on the Provincial Court, Supreme Court, and Court of Appeal. You can find the forms and rules of courts, as well as information for self-represented litigants at the level of Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.

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