

Legal Clinics in Ontario Providing Legal Services for POAs/Wills and Other Resources

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Note: If the entry does not specify whether POAs/Wills, the clinic provides services for both. Some clinics have limited services for one matter and comprehensive for the other. For example, for Roy McMurtry Legal Clinic, their clinic provides comprehensive services for POAs and limited services for Wills.

Also, please note that some clinics may offer limited services or has limited capacity to provide in-person services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community Legal Clinics

Comprehensive Services

- Chatham-Kent Legal Clinic
- Community Legal Clinic - Simcoe, Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes (Wills)
- Elliot Lake & North Shore Community Legal Clinic
- Huron-Perth Community Legal Clinic (POAs)
- Keewaytinok Native Legal Services (Clinic) (Aboriginal)
- Lake Country Community Legal Clinic
- Manitoulin Legal Clinic
- Neighbourhood Legal Services
 - NLS is partnered with the Health Justice Program at St Mike's which offers a Wills and POA clinic. They typically only serve St Mike's clients but on occasion will help with non-clients who have capacity issues or the case is complex.
- Niagara Community Legal Clinic
- Northumberland Community Legal Centre (POAs)
 - does POAs in-house and has three programs with outside resources for clients to have wills done for free.
- Renfrew County Legal Clinic
 - Wills are limited by age (serving 60 years old and over with low incomes)
- Roy McMurtry Legal Clinic (POAs)
- The Legal Clinic

Limited Services

- Algoma Community Legal Clinic Inc. (POAs)
- Clinique Juridique Communautaire Grand-Nord Community Legal Clinic (POAs)

- Community Advocacy & Legal Centre
- Community Legal Aid - University of Windsor
- Community Legal Clinic - Simcoe, Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes (POAs)
- Community Legal Clinic of York Region (POAs)
- Downsview Community Legal Services (Wills)
- Don Valley Community Legal Services - East Toronto (POAs)
- Durham Community Legal Clinic
- Elgin-Oxford Legal Clinic
- Halton Community Legal Services (POAs)
- Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (Pro Bono arrangements with the Private Bar)
- Jane Finch Community Legal Services (POAs)
- Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic (POAs)
- Northumberland Community Legal Centre (Wills)
 - does POAs in-house and has three programs with outside resources for clients to have wills done for free.
- Northwest Community Legal Clinic (Fort Frances) (POAs)
- Northwest Community Legal Clinic (Kenora) (POAs)
- Peterborough Community Legal Centre
- Roy McMurtry Legal Clinic (Wills)
- Sudbury Community Legal Clinic (POAs)
- Unison Health and Community Services (POAs)
- Waterloo Region Community Legal Services (Wills)
- Windsor-Essex Bilingual Legal Clinic

Specialty Clinics

Comprehensive Services

- Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples (POAs)
- Queen's Elder Law Clinic

Limited Services

- ARCH Disability Law Centre (POAs)
- Black Legal Action Centre
- Community Legal Education Ontario (POAs)
- HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO) (POAs)
- Justice for Children and Youth (POAs but does referrals for Wills)
- South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario
- Vanier Community Service Center (POAs)

Note on Northern Clinics:

The North has a program called Advocacy North for Elders/Seniors – a collaboration of the 11 Northern Clinics – and they draft POAs but give only advice on Wills. The program territory is from Muskoka to border of Manitoba to Bay James and province of Quebec.

Please find it here: <https://www.sudburylegalclinic.com/legal-topic/elder-senior-law/>

Note on Clinics in Ottawa:

The Connecting Ottawa Program prepared a list of resources for Wills and POA.

Please find it here: https://connectingottawa.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/WillsPoAResources_May12.pdf

Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) Resources:

Steps to Justice

Steps to Justice gives reliable and practical information on common legal problems including:

- step-by-step information to help you work through your legal problems
- practical tools, such as checklists, fillable forms, and self-help guides
- referral information for legal and social services across Ontario
- live chat and email support if you can't find the answers to your questions

Please visit this link for information on making a Will and/or a Power of Attorney:

<https://stepstojustice.ca/legal-topic/wills-and-powers-of-attorney/>

Guided Pathways

The Guided Pathways ask you questions and then use your answers to fill in the forms and letters you need. When you are done, you can save and print your papers.

Use CLEO's Guided Pathways to get free online help to [prepare a simple will](#) and [make or cancel a Power of Attorney for property or personal care](#). These pathways are now also available in French.