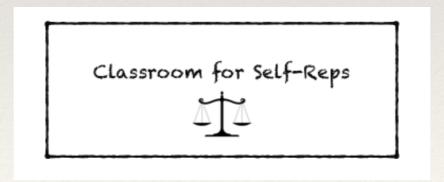
## How to get Legal Advice without Breaking the Bank

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## This talk has 4 parts

- 1. Legal Information vs. Legal Advice
- 2. Get Legal Information: online (free)
- 1. Get Legal Information / Advice: clinics
- 2. How to Save Money when Hiring Lawyers

### Today's links are available here:

\* http://litigation-help.com/classroom-for-self-reps/

1. Legal Advice or Legal Information?

## "Legal Advice"

- \* When lawyers and paralegals say "legal advice" they mean:
  - \* tips, helpful statements, suggestions that are <u>specific</u> to your situation
  - \* this help requires them to apply their special trained skills in the law to analyze your case
  - \* eg. strategy advice for your particular matter.

## "Legal Information"

- \* General facts, but not tailored to your case
  - \* e.g. Overall steps in a lawsuit
  - \* "The court house opens at 8:30pm."

## Today's talk= legal information

 Information on where to get MORE legal information AND legal advice

# 2. Legal information websites (FREE)

#### Information Websites

- \* 1. Court websites (Ministry of AG, Superior Court)
  - http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/family/; https:// www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/courts/guides/
- \* 2. Legal Line
  - \* www.legalline.ca
- \* 3. Community Legal Education Ontario
  - https://www.cleo.on.ca/en
- \* 4. Law Society of Ontario: Access CLE
  - http://lx07.lsuc.on.ca/R
- \* 5. Canada Legal Help
  - http://canadalegalhelp.com/

## Legal Research

- \* You can do keyword searches for legislation and case law on CanLII (Canadian Legal Information Institute)
  - https://www.canlii.org/en/

## 3. In person help: clinics

#### Clinics

1. Legal Aid Ontario

https://www.legalaid.on.ca/en/getting/default.asp

- 2. Pro Bono Law Ontario: Law Help Ontario
  - https://www.probonoontario.org/lawsuits-and-disputes/
- 3. Toronto Public Library clinics

https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/search.jsp?N=37867&Ntt=tax+clinic

- 4. University law school clinics
  - Osgoode Hall Clinics: <a href="https://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/community-clinics/">https://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/community-clinics/</a>
  - University of Toronto Clinic: <a href="http://downtownlegalservices.ca/">http://downtownlegalservices.ca/</a>

## 4: Advice from private lawyers

## Limited Scope Retainers (LSR)

- \* "limited scope retainer", "unbundled services"
- Hire lawyer only for specific tasks
- \* Examples:
  - review your legal argument;
  - draft your claim/answer;
  - \* coaching for your court appearance
  - \* strategy advice consultations or written opinions

#### Where to find "limited scope services" lawyers?

- Law Society of Ontario Website
  - \* Go to the directory (NOT the referral service): <a href="https://www2.lsuc.on.ca/LawyerParalegalDirectory/loadSearchPage.do">https://www2.lsuc.on.ca/LawyerParalegalDirectory/loadSearchPage.do</a>
- Ontario Family Law Limited Scope Project
  - https://www.familylawlss.ca/
- National Self-Represented Litigants Project
  - https://representingyourselfcanada.com/directory/
- Self-Rep Navigators
  - \* www.limitedscoperetainers.ca

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