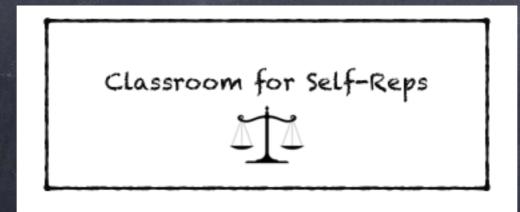
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 For legal advice, please consult with a lawyer or paralegal

Today's Talk

You will learn about:

(1) Legal professionals in the Litigation Process

(2) Legal professionals for Out of Court Options

(3) Time for Questions

(4) Mini clinic (NO LEGAL ADVICE!)

1. Who are the "judges" or decision makers?

Courts: Judges, Masters, Justice of the Peace

Tribunals: Adjudicators

Private dispute (arbitration): Arbitrators

For more information: http:// www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/general-public/whatdo-judges-and-justices-of-the-peace-do/

2. Who can represent you in a court/tribunal?

LawyerParalegal

Confusion!

Law Clerk
Legal Assistant
Paralegal

Law Clerks, Legal Assistants

These professionals must work under direction of lawyer (cannot be hired by the public directly):

legal assistant

law clerk

(not to be confused with "law clerk" for judges)

Paralegals

Regulated by the Law Society of Ontario

- Must pass "licensing exam" administered by the Law Society of Ontario before being allowed to practice in Ontario
- You can hire paralegals to represent you at Small Claims Court, Tribunals, Traffic court, minor criminal matters
- Learn more here: https://lso.ca/public-resources/ your-law-ontario-law-simplified/paralegals

3. Professionals for people representing themselves

- Process Servers
- Reporting Services
- Commissioner of Affidavit
- Sector Experts
- Lawyers for Self-Reps
- ADR: Mediators, Arbitrators

a. Information on Process Servers

Check out Legal Line's article:

https://www.legalline.ca/legal-answers/ process-servers/

b. Court Reporting Services

Reporting Services provide offices and recording/ transcribing services for "Examination for Discoveries" or "Questioning".

Example of rates-Courts Administration Services webpage: http://www.cas-satj.gc.ca/en/operations/fees.shtml

c. Commissioner of Affidavit

- Affidavits are "sworn statements"
- You have to swear it in front of a Commissioner of Affidavit
- A Notary public can also be a Commissioner
- Where to find one: https://www.ontario.ca/ page/find-notary-public-or-commissioneroaths-taking-affidavits

d. Expert Witnesses

- Accountants, Medical experts, Psychologists, Social workers etc.
- "Ontario Reports" (Great Library in Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen St. W.; Court House Library 361 University.)

e. Lawyers/Paralegals for Self-Reps

Onbundled or "limited scope retainer" services

"Discrete task services"

Where to find LSR lawyers

- National Self-represented Litigants Project
 https://representingyourselfcanada.com/
 - directory/
- Ontario Family Law Limited Scope Services: FLSS
 - https://www.familylawlss.ca/
- Self-Rep Navigators
 - http://www.limitedscoperetainers.ca/members/

2. Out of Court Options

Alternative Dispute Resolution": ADR

Arbitration

Arbitrators fees \$250-800 https:// canadianarbitrationassociation.ca/?page_id=19

Mediation

Mediator fees https://www.legalline.ca/legalanswers/how-much-does-family-mediationcost/

Where to find Mediators and Arbitrators

For ADR (mediators and arbitrators)

ADR Institute of Ontario (ADRIO) http://adr-ontario.ca/

Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario (FDRIO) https:// www.fdrio.ca/

For family mediators:

- Ontario Association of Family Mediators https://www.oafm.on.ca/
- Family Mediators Canada http://www.fmc.ca/

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