

JUSTICE NET

A Solution for Canadians Struggling with Legal Problems And Financial Limits

Justice Net is a national not-for-profit service dedicated to promoting access to justice for low- and moderate-income Canadians. It is designed for those in need of legal assistance, but whose income is too high to qualify for government Legal Aid and too low for traditional legal fees.

Our Team

A group of committed lawyers who recognize the current crisis of access to justice in the Canadian legal system, and who devote a portion of their practice to qualified cases of low- and moderate-income clients. They have reduced their regular fees for clients accepted under the Program according to the Justice Net Fee Schedule.

Who Qualifies

Those who do not qualify for government Legal Aid programs, whose gross annual family income is less than \$59,000, and who have difficulties paying traditional legal fees. Income includes employment income, self-employed earnings, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation, pensions, social assistance, commissions, and rental income. For further details on eligibility, please visit our website.

Areas Covered

Justice Net includes participating lawyers for a variety of legal problems, including criminal matters, civil litigation, family disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, disability support, family benefits payments, accidents and injuries, bankruptcy, employment rights, human rights, immigration/refugee refugee hearings, etc. For a complete current listing, please visit our website.

How it Works

Justice Net has two arms designed to help clients connect with our participating lawyers:

- a free online Directory at www.justicenet.ca.
- a telephone Hotline for individuals without computer access at 1-866-919-3219

To find a lawyer **online**, visitors browse the Online Directory. After entering location and type of law required, the Directory provides a short list of lawyers and their practice details (including languages spoken, special services, etc.). The visitor decides which best suits his/her particular case, and contacts the lawyer. If the lawyer is available, the client provides eligibility information and the case can proceed. Please note that since each lawyer can only accommodate a limited number of *Justice Net* clients, more than one participating lawyer may need to be contacted in order to obtain an appointment.

Individuals without computer access can **telephone** 1-866-919.3219 and a Call Centre attendant will search the Directory and provide a list of participating lawyers on the client's behalf. Please note that Call Centre attendants have no legal training, and cannot provide legal advice.

Justice Net Fee Schedule

All Justice Net cases are billed according to the Justice Net Fee Schedule. Fees are calculated according to a sliding scale, taking into account annual income and number of dependants. The sliding scale is posted at the website and reviewed by the Justice Net team periodically. Hourly fees range from \$100 to \$150, or between 40 – 60% off a lawyer's standard fees.

Please visit www.justicenet.ca to determine the hourly fee for your particular case.