

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **Will someone from CLF give me legal advice?**

No, CLF does not provide legal advice. We will only assist with referring you to a CLF member lawyer. If you would like to be referred to a CLF member lawyer, please complete the information requested on the [on-line referral application](#).

### **What is a CLF member lawyer?**

A CLF member lawyer is a lawyer who is a member of the Christian Legal Fellowship. He or she must sign our [Statement of Faith](#) and be accepted by our Board of Directors as a member. A CLF member lawyer **is not** an employee of CLF.

### **Does CLF provide legal aid?**

No, we do not provide any legal aid. You may find a member who is willing to do legal aid, but this is up to the individual lawyer and is not customary.

### **How long will it take to complete the referral process?**

CLF makes every effort to respond to you within two business days (weekends excepted), however, it sometimes requires more time to find a lawyer who fits your request. If you have not heard from us after four business days, please try contacting us again to ensure we have received your request. We thank you in advance for your patience.

### **Does the material I submit to CLF remain confidential?**

CLF makes every effort to keep your information confidential. Naturally, the information must be shared with CLF lawyer members to determine their availability and interest.

### **Why do I have to fill out an on-line request?**

CLF is a not-for-profit organization and the referral we provide to you is a complimentary service of the CLF. In order for us to be efficient, accurate, and timely, an online form is requested. This form allows us to distribute the information accurately with minimal effort and time, and where necessary, to more than one member. In cases where it is not possible to use our online form, we do provide an emergency number.

### **What if you have no lawyer to refer me to?**

If there is no CLF member lawyer available to deal with your legal issue, after informing you of such fact, we may then recommend you try a Lawyer Referral Service which may be operated by a provincial Law Society. For example, the Law Society of Upper Canada has a referral service and can be reached by telephone (note: there is a \$6.00 phone charge to access this system) at 1-900-565-4577. Also, in some areas there are community legal clinics that could be contacted.

In Toronto for instance, there are student clinics:

Osgoode's clinic is CLASP- Community and Legal Aid Services Program  
<http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/clasp/index.html>

University of Toronto has DLS- Downtown Legal Services  
<http://www.dls.utoronto.ca/>

And then there's the Parkdale Clinic, which has Osgoode volunteers.  
<http://www.parkdalelegal.org/>

Pro Bono Students of Canada has U of T and Osgoode offices, but this organization does not operate in the same manner as a legal clinic.

You may find clinics in other provinces as well and invite you to check your local listings or do a Google search.

(Please note that CLF makes no representation as to the personal or professional qualifications of any such persons. Neither does CLF exercise any control over nor supervision of any legal work performed; nor does CLF control or have responsibility for the legal fees charged.)