

# **JUDICIAL REVIEW**

## **SELF-HELP CLINIC**

The Community Legal Assistance Society runs a self-help clinic for those persons wishing to bring judicial review in B.C. Supreme Court.

### **Who Qualifies?**

There are three qualifications:

1. You must financially qualify for our services. We generally follow the low-income guidelines issued by Statistics Canada.
2. Your case must have legal merit. If there isn't any legal merit to the case we do not provide this service.
3. We must have the resources available.

### **What is a Self-Help Clinic?**

This self-help clinic is based on the premise that the client would do as much of the work as possible. The lawyer acts more like a coach. Clients have overall responsibility for handling the judicial review. You should be the type of person who can follow advice and direction.

We have a guide called *Judicial Review: A Lay Person's Guide and Arbitrator's Orders: Interim Stay*. These publications are available on our website under publications. These Guides will assist you in bringing judicial review. There is special emphasis on bringing judicial review against arbitrators under the *Residential Tenancy Act*. The Guides provide information and sample forms.

The clients are expected to file the court papers, serve the court papers and to appear in court themselves. We do not provide lawyers who appear in court. The client must do it himself or herself.

At various stages of the judicial review process, the clients phone and make an appointment to see the lawyer to get advice. We work on an in-person appointment system. Please do not phone the office for advice over the phone – make an appointment.

Clients should arrange their court documents in chronological order and put them in a 3-ring binder in order to be properly organized for a judicial review.

### **Making an Appointment**

If you would like to make an appointment regarding our Judicial Review Self-Help Clinic, you should phone 604-685-3425. You should bring in with you all the documents that were in front of the Tribunal. Try and arrange them in chronological order. Also, you should write your story in a page or two. It is preferable this be typed, but printing is also acceptable. It might also be useful for you to write out questions that you have. Please note that some judicial reviews must be brought within 60 days of the decision being reviewed.