

# RESOURCE SHEET: WILLS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY

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Connecting Ottawa acknowledges the significant gap in legal services for low-income clients in Ottawa who want to create wills and powers of attorney documents. We have updated this resource sheet so you can better understand what services are currently available for low-income clients in Ottawa who cannot afford to pay a lawyer to draft these documents. Available services are listed for information only. Connecting Ottawa does not endorse, nor do we attest to the quality of service provided by the organizations included in this resource.

#### **LEGAL INFORMATION**

# **Ontario Legal Information Centre**

# <u>Legal information on wills, estates, and powers of attorney</u>

Free legal <u>information</u> and a 30-minute meeting with a lawyer who specializes in wills and powers of attorney.

Phone: 1-844-343-7462 or 613-842-7462 Address: 85 Albert St, Suite 1400, Ottawa

# Law Society Referral Service

#### Law Society Referral Service (Iso.ca)

Connects Ontarians with a lawyer or paralegal for a free 30-minute legal consultation. The only way to apply for this service in online.

# **Pro Bono Ontario**

#### Free legal advice hotline

Connects callers with a lawyer to help them create a Power of Attorney for Personal Care and a Continuing Power of Attorney for Property. This service is free of charge.

Phone: 1-855-255-7256

# Steps to Justice

#### Deciding on making a will

General information on wills, different types of wills, and how to make a will.

#### **LEGAL SERVICES AVAILABLE ONLINE/ IN OTTAWA**

#### Steps to Justice

#### Steps to Justice Guided Pathways

Steps to Justice's Guided Pathways are free online tools that generate simple wills and powers of attorney based on an interactive online interview.

#### Guided Pathway for making a will

Free interactive online tool to create a simple will.

#### Guided Pathway to preparing a power of attorney

Free interactive online tool to create powers of attorney documents.

#### Axess Law

# Axess Law Last Will and Power of Attorney Create an affordable will and powers of attorney document with a lawyer. Virtual consultations are available for people in Ottawa but signing must be in-person in Toronto.

Address: 43 Alvin Ave, Toronto, ON M4T 2A7 Phone: +1 (877) 402 4207

Axess Law charges \$299.99 + tax for a lawyer to create a Will and Powers of Attorney for a single person and \$249.99 + tax per person for a couple.

## **JusticeNet**

#### Affordable legal services

The legal professionals listed on JusticeNet have agreed to work at reduced fees.

Users must register to use this site. The registration fee is \$25.00.

## **REACH**

#### Legal services for people with disabilities

Reach offers up to 3 hours of free legal services for people with disabilities. Referral services are also available.

Phone: 613-236-6636 or 1-888-669-4001

# **LEGAL SERVICES AVAILABLE NEAR OTTAWA**

# **Renfrew County Legal Clinic**

Prepares free basic wills and powers of attorney for people over 60 with low incomes. Serves most of Eastern Ontario, except Kingston and Ottawa.

Address: 236 Stewart St, Suite 101, Renfrew, ON

Phone: 613-432-8146 or 1-800-267-5871

# **Queens Elder Law Clinic**

# Free legal services

Prepares free wills for people over 50. Serves people in Kingston and the surrounding area.

Address: 303 Bagot St, Suite 500, Kingston, ON

Phone: 613-533-2102 Email: qelc@queensu.ca

# The Legal Clinic

## Free legal services

Prepares free wills and powers of attorney for lowincome residents of Northern Lennox & Addington County, Perth and Brockville

Address: 10 Sunset Blvd, Perth, ON

Phone: 613-264-8888

# Northumberland Community Legal Clinic

Prepares free wills and powers of attorney for lowincome residents of Northumberland County

Address: Suite 301, The Fleming Building, 1005

Elgin St W, Cobourg, ON

Phone: 905-373-4464 or 1-800-850-7882

Connecting Ottawa lawyers are available if you, on behalf of your clients, have general questions about wills and powers of attorney. Email us at <a href="mailto:info@connectingottawa.com">info@connectingottawa.com</a>. Please note that Connecting Ottawa does not draft wills and powers of attorney documents for clients.