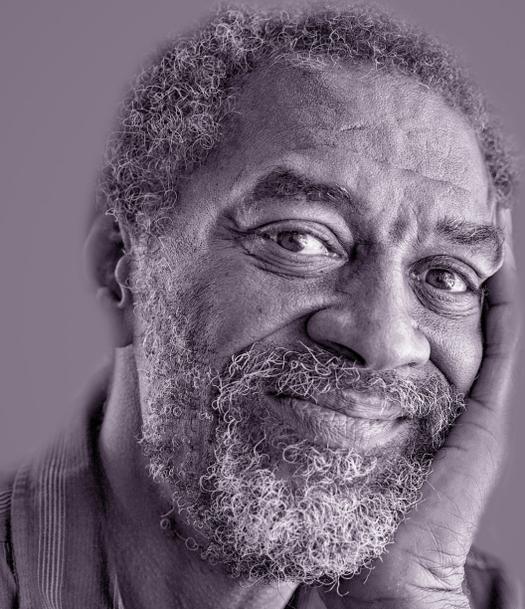




Introducing the Disability Law Clinic

People with disabilities often experience discrimination and lack of access around public services and programs.

DABC launched the Disability Law Clinic in 2020 to provide free legal advice and assistance to people with disabilities.



The Disability Law Clinic is the first community legal clinic in BC that practices exclusively in disability rights law.

What We Do

The DLC provides a Summary Advice and Referral Service which is a free, confidential legal service, directly to people with disabilities from across BC, on certain disability-related areas of law.

Summary Advice means we will talk with you about your situation and advise you on what we think you should do. In most cases, we do not accompany clients to hearings or other legal proceedings.

We have provided legal information, referral and advice around:

- The *Accessible BC Act* and the *Accessible Canada Act*
- Situations where a person is discriminated against, or denied a service or accommodation because of disability
- General disability rights under *BC's Human Rights Code* and the *Canadian Human Rights Act*
- Concerns about disability-related service providers, such as care homes and support workers
- Decision-making rights for people who are subject to supervision by the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) or private committees.

You can learn more about the services we provide and common situations we can (and sometimes cannot) assist you with on our website at <https://dabc.ca/program/disability-law-clinic>.

The best way to know if we can support you with your concerns is to contact us.

Partnering with Advocacy Access

The Clinic also works closely with DABC's Advocacy Access program to assist people who are applying for government disability benefits or who are involved in disputes with the government about their benefits.

How the Clinic Works

Most of our services are provided by phone. For anyone whose disability requires them to communicate by other methods, we will do our very best to make our services accessible to you.

Your Privacy

All information provided to the Disability Law Clinic is completely confidential. Your personal information will not be shared with anyone outside of DABC without your consent.

How Do I Make an Appointment?

1. Contact the Disability Law Clinic and leave a message (please see back panel).
2. We will contact you for an intake interview. We will ask for some personal information, details about your situation and, in some cases, specific documents we need to help you.
3. After the intake interview, we may schedule an appointment with one of our lawyers. Or, we may give other advice or assistance on what you should do next.

What to Do Before Your Appointment

To get the most out of your call with Clinic staff, gather any documents related to your situation beforehand, such as:

- emails, texts or letters
- contracts or agreements
- government documents
- any previous decisions by a court or tribunal
- any documents requested in your intake interview

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