

Legally speaking...

# Did you know?

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For legal advice, please contact a lawyer.

**Subject: Human Rights**

## BC HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC - GETTING A LAWYER (2)

If you have made a complaint to the Human Rights Tribunal, have received a letter from them stating that they have accepted your complaint and you need a lawyer, you can seek assistance from the BC Human Rights Clinic. The Clinic is a specialized clinic that provides representation to BC residents with their human rights complaint.

In order to be eligible for representation you must have:

- 1) Filed a human rights complaint with the BC Human Rights Tribunal
- 2) Received a letter of acceptance from the tribunal
- 3) Applied to the clinic within 30 days of receiving the letter of acceptance from the tribunal

### How long does the process take?

It generally takes the intake committee 1 to 2 weeks to review your application for representation and to notify you in writing of their decision.

### What kind of assistance can I get?

They will review your complaint with you and will advise you about the various options you have in addressing your human rights complaint. They will represent you through negotiations, settlement, mediation, or in a hearing should your case go to a hearing.

### What if I do not agree with the decision of the BC Human Rights Tribunal?

Either party to a human rights claim has the right to apply for a judicial review of a tribunal decision. If you disagree with the decision of the tribunal, you may ask the BC Supreme Court to review the tribunal's decision. This is called a judicial review. This can be a complicated process and you may need legal assistance with this.

### For More Information

#### BC Human Rights Clinic

1202 - 510 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Phone: 604-689-8474

Toll Free: 1-877-689-8474

Website: [www.bchrcoalition.org](http://www.bchrcoalition.org)

#### BC Human Rights Tribunal

1170 - 605 Robson Street, Vancouver

Phone: 604-775-2000

Toll free: 1-888-440-8844

TTY: (604) 775-2021

Website: [www.bchrt.bc.ca](http://www.bchrt.bc.ca)

#### Community Legal Assistance Society

Telephone: 604-685-3425

Toll free: 1-888-685-6222

Website: [www.clasbc.net](http://www.clasbc.net)

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