

Public Navigator Program

Presentation for Volunteer Navigators

Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia



Supreme Court of Canada (SCC)

Highest Court in Canada

Nova Scotia Court of Appeal (NSCA)

Federal Court of Appeal (FCA)

Receive Appeals from Courts below

NS Supreme Court Family Division

Nova Scotia Supreme Court (NSSC)

Federal Court Trial Division

Tax Court of Canada

Use depends on location within NS

Family Court

Provincial Court
(Includes Mental Health Court)

Small Claims Court

Probate Court

Bankruptcy Court

Youth Criminal Court

Specific Purpose Courts (on the left)

Residential Tenancies decisions

Tribunals, Boards, Commissions and other Government Agencies (aka ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES)

Provincial Examples:

- Alcohol and Gaming Commission
- Workers Compensation Board
- Residential Tenancies (orders of the Director)
- Labour Relations Board
- Human Rights Commission

Federal:

- National Energy Board
- Competition Tribunal
- Immigration and Refugee Board
- Privacy Commissioner of Canada



Nova Scotia Supreme Court

Nova Scotia Court of Appeal

Animal Cruelty Appeal Board

Assistance Appeal Board

Labour Board

Motor Vehicle Appeal Board

Tuition Appeal Board

Nova Scotia Securities
Commission

Nova Scotia Assessment
Appeal Tribunal

Review Board under the
*Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment
Act*

Federal Court Trail Division

- Canadian Human Rights Commission
- Canadian Human Rights Tribunal
- Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission
- Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Immigration and Refugee Board
- Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime
- Office of the Information Commissioner
- Office of the Privacy Commissioner
- Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions
- Office of the Taxpayers' Ombudsman
- Parole Board of Canada
- Social Security Tribunal

Federal Court of Appeal

Overview of the Court System



- Supreme Court of NS – General Division
- Highest trial court in Nova Scotia
- Public navigator would only deal with civil claims at Supreme Court
- Civil? Private disputes, not criminal
- Won't deal with family law issues



Supreme Court of NS

Examples of “civil” issues:



- Suing your employer for unfairly firing you
- Suing your former friend who borrowed \$50,000 from you and didn't pay you back
- Suing to get compensation for personal injuries suffered in a car crash
- Trying to resolve a land dispute with your neighbour
- Suing a contractor because they did not build your new house properly
- Suing someone who assaulted you

Public Navigator Pilot

- Focus 1st on Small Claims Court

- How to Start/Defend a Claim
- Court Etiquette