

## **WILL & POWERS OF ATTORNEY RESOURCES**

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*The following resources are available to assist with information and support for executing valid Powers of Attorney (POA) or creating a Will. Although you are not required to use a lawyer for these documents, best practice is to meet with a lawyer who specializes in Wills and Estates. It is not recommended that Will templates or online robots be used to draft a Will. Legal Aid Ontario does not cover this service.*

### **Ontario Legal Information Centre (OLIC)**

- Provides 30 minutes of free legal information (both in English and French) on Wills and Powers of Attorney; however, they do not give legal advice.
- Currently not accepting in-person visitors due to COVID-19. Contact OLIC by phone: 1-844-343-7462 or 613-842-7462 (no interpretation services or TTY).

### **Pro Bono Ontario**

- Answers questions and prepares Powers of Attorney and Advanced Care Directives over the phone: 1-855-255-7256 (no interpretation or TTY).
- Available Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am.

### **Law Society Referral Service (LSRS)**

- Connects you with a lawyer or a paralegal for a free 30-minute consultation.
- Contact the LSRS online: <https://srs.lso.ca/srs/welcome>

### **Justice Net**

- Connects you with lawyers who are willing to work at lower rates. However, your net income must be below \$59,000 to qualify for this service. There is a \$25 registration fee to access the service.
- Online at: <https://www.justicenet.ca/contact-us/>

### **Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE)**

- Provides you with general information about Wills, but will not assist callers in preparing a Will.
- Contact ACE by phone at 1-855-598-2656 or 416-598-2656.
- See ACE's FAQ on Wills: [http://www.advocacycentreelderly.org/estates-frequently\\_asked\\_questions.php](http://www.advocacycentreelderly.org/estates-frequently_asked_questions.php) and Powers of Attorney: [http://www.advocacycentreelderly.org/powers\\_of\\_attorney-frequently\\_asked\\_questions.php](http://www.advocacycentreelderly.org/powers_of_attorney-frequently_asked_questions.php)

### **CLEO Steps to Justice**

- Provides you with detailed legal information regarding Wills and Powers of Attorney.
- Online at <https://stepstojustice.ca/legal-topic/wills-and-powers-of-attorney>

### **Reach Canada**

- Provides community and legal referral services to assist persons with disabilities in dealing with legal issues. Clients who are referred to a legal professional on REACH's roster may receive up to 3 hours of free, confidential, and personal legal services.
- Contact REACH by phone: 1-888-669-4001 or 613-236-6636 or online: <https://www.reach.ca/?lid=V5TQP-THD6G-N7E73&pkForm=1>

### **Connecting Ottawa**

- Provides consultations with **front-line workers** to assist individuals who are linguistic minorities on legal education and referral issues.
- Front-line workers can send questions to [info@connectingottawa.com](mailto:info@connectingottawa.com)

### **Renfrew County Legal Clinic**

- Prepares free Wills and Powers of Attorney for people 60+ with low income
- Serves most of Eastern Ontario, **except** Kingston and Ottawa
- 1-800-267-5871 or 613-432-8146