

## ***Publications***

PLIAN regularly produces publications on many areas of the law. We also publish a newsletter, which focuses on a particular area of law. PLIAN distributes copies of its publications throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. We have translated a number of our publications into French, Innu-aimun and Inuktitut in an effort to make them more accessible to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. Please contact our office if you would like copies of our publications.

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## **How to Contact Us**

If you would like to obtain further information about any of PLIAN's services, including the Lawyer Referral Service, or to order copies of our publications, contact PLIAN at:

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***Educating you about the law.***

# **What is PLIAN?**



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Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland & Labrador (PLIAN) is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating Newfoundlanders and Labradorians about legal issues. We are the Newfoundland and Labrador component of Public Legal Education Association of Canada (PLEAC). This national association is a network of legal education societies. PLIAN is funded by the Department of Justice, Canada, the Department of Justice Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Law Foundation of Newfoundland & Labrador.

PLIAN's mandate is to provide public legal education and information services with the intent of increasing access to justice. We are a resource available to all members of society who require information about the law, legal processes and the administration of justice.

## ***Lawyer Referral Service (LRS)***

The LRS is available to individuals who require assistance in obtaining a lawyer. Lawyers who wish to be enrolled in our database register annually and state the areas of law in which they prefer to practice. The people who contact our service are offered the name of one lawyer who practices in a particular area of law. The individuals can then contact the lawyer to arrange a half hour session at a nominal charge, though they are under no obligation to do so.

## ***Legal Information Line***

The Legal Information Line provides general information about the law. PLIAN maintains monthly statistics which report on the type and quantity of inquiries in the particular areas of law. The data enables us to assess the legal areas of need for our information sessions and publications.

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## ***School Visits***

PLIAN aims to educate youth through a variety of methods. Visits to local schools enables PLIAN to disseminate information, to encourage students to learn about the law, and increase awareness of our resources. We have formed partnerships with different high schools and participate in the Canadian Law Course and Career Days. Please contact our offices to arrange a visit to your school.

In addition, funding permitting, PLIAN offers a summer program for youth full of fun and educational activities. Call our office for more information.

## ***Community Information Sessions***

Through these sessions, PLIAN is able to provide the public with information on particular legal issues. Topics of interest include family law, youth justice issues; wills and estates, and other legal topics.