

Judge-led Intensive Case Management Courts

What is it?

Judge-led Intensive Case Management Court (JICMC) have been set up to address the large backlog of cases resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

If your matter is over twelve months old and has been adjourned to the JICMC and you do not have a lawyer, you may be eligible for help from legal aid to get a lawyer to represent you with a “JICMC certificate,” which will cover a set number of hours with your lawyer.

What do you need to do?

Find a lawyer on LAO’s roster who accepts legal aid in your area. Contact them about a “JICMC certificate.” Your lawyer will then provide us with the necessary information and complete the application on your behalf. You do not need to contact LAO yourself to apply.

What is a JICMC certificate?

This is a voucher for LAO to pay your lawyer to:

- Resolve your matter. This could mean a withdrawal of charges, diversion, a peace bond or a plea.
OR
- Set the matter for trial. This includes representing you at a judicial pre-trial on trial issues but does not include representing you at the actual trial.

How to get a JICMC certificate

1. You do not need to contact LAO to obtain this certificate.
2. Choose a lawyer to represent you in the JICMC by visiting legalaid.on.ca/lawyers
3. Your lawyer will complete the necessary form and send it to LAO to obtain your certificate.
4. If you do not have access to a computer, your local duty counsel office may be able to provide you with a list of LAO lawyers in your area.



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