## Legal Aid Ontario Family duty counsel services

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| Service                         | If you QUALIFY for legal aid   | If you DO NOT qualify<br>for legal aid  |
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| Summary Legal<br>Advice (SLA)   | <ul> <li>Up to 20 minutes of free legal information</li> <li>This includes Family Law Information<br/>Centre services.</li> <li>Assistance may be available virtually or in<br/>person</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Not available</li> <li>Clients will be referred to<br/>the Information Referral<br/>Coordinator (I.R.C.) at<br/>courthouse locations for<br/>additional resources</li> </ul> |
| Document review and preparation | <ul> <li>Motions to change</li> <li>Assistance from duty counsel up to the first case conference.*</li> </ul>  | Not available.  |
| In court                        | <ul> <li><u>Anyone appearing in court today</u> (in person or virtually) without their own lawyer will be assisted with: <ul> <li>Emergency motions</li> <li>First court attendance in a child protection matter (Children's Aid matters).</li> </ul> </li> <li>For all other matters, duty counsel will attend court in person or virtually if a client contacts them in advance</li> </ul>   |   |
|                                 | <ul> <li>First return date of a status review</li> <li>Family Responsibility Office matters, e.g., first appearances, refraining motions, adjournments.</li> <li>First appearance / intake court</li> <li>First judicial case conference for applications, responses, motions to change.</li> <li>Second case conferences</li> <li>CYFSA matters in locations where clients are unable to retain counsel in a timely basis.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Duty counsel may assist<br/>with written consents, if<br/>negotiations have been<br/>completed and the issues<br/>are eligible for duty<br/>counsel service.</li> </ul>      |

\*Some services may not be available at every location, and at times, we will not have the resources to help everyone. Clients who have the strongest legal case will be helped first.