

Justice For All

If you need to consult with an Attorney-at-Law regarding your particular case, visit or contact the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority at any of its convenient locations nationwide.

HEAD OFFICE

1ST & 3RD Floors, T&T Manufacturers Association (TTMA) Building
#42, 10th Avenue, Barataria (East of the Barataria Roundabout)
Telephone: 638-5222(LAAA) / 674-6272 / 674-0109 / 675-4079
Legal Advice: Monday - Friday, 8:00AM - 3:30PM

SAN FERNANDO

6 Harris Street, San Fernando
Telephone: 652-1984 / 652-1931
Legal Advice: Monday - Friday, 8:00AM - 3:30PM

COUVA

Social Services Centre
Camden Road, Couva
Telephone: 679-5146
Legal Advice: Mondays & Tuesdays, 8:00AM - 3:30PM

CHAGUANAS

62 Eleanore Street, Chaguanas
Telephone: 225-4522
Legal Advice: Monday - Friday, 8:00AM - 3:30PM

ARIMA

1st Floor Pennywise Building 10-10A
Devenish Street, Arima
Telephone: 664-1317 / 667-3651
Legal Advice: Monday - Friday, 8:00AM - 3:30PM

TOBAGO

Caribana Building
Bacolet Street, Scarborough, Tobago
Telephone: 660-7502 / 635-0779
Legal Advice: Monday - Friday, 8:00AM - 3:30PM

Duty Counsel: 652-5222 (24 hours). Visit our website: laaa.org.tt



Legal Aid and Advisory Authority

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The Legal Aid and Advisory Authority {LAAA} was established to provide affordable legal advice and representation in a variety of matters to members of the public who are of small or moderate means.

Legal advice and representation in Court are provided by in-house Legal Officers and Attorneys-at-Law in private practice, who are on the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority's panel of Attorneys.

Legal Aid and Advice may be attained in matters such as:

Civil Law

- Divorce
- Trespass
- Eviction
- Probate Application
- Running Down Actions
- Petty Civil Court Matters
- Domestic Violence
- Almost all Civil Court Matters in the High Court and Court of Appeal

Some exempted matters: Defamation, Election Petitions, Judgement Summons

It is an offence punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00 and imprisonment for six months to knowingly make a false statement or to give false information on an application form or to a Legal Officer of the Authority when applying for Legal Aid.

Criminal Law

- Criminal matters in all courts in Trinidad and Tobago
- Proceedings before a Coroner's Court i.e. (inquests touching the death of a person)
- Duty Counsel Services i.e. Legal advice to minors detained on suspicion of having committed any offence, and to adults detained on suspicion of having committed a capital offence and representation at the first Court hearing.

Applying for Legal Aid and Advice

Any person seeking to obtain Legal Aid and Advice will need to:

- Attend one of our offices with photo ID, copies of any documents pertaining to the matter, and the present fee of \$50.00.
- A Legal Officer will advise you on your matter and assess your means to determine whether you might qualify for Legal Aid and if so, issue the relevant application form and give you further instructions.

Eligibility for Legal Aid

An applicant's eligibility for Legal Aid is dependent on a number of factors. To be approved for Legal Aid in Civil High Court and Court of Appeal matters the Board of Legal Aid and Advisory Authority must be satisfied that:

- The applicant has reasonable grounds for taking, defending, continuing or being a party to any proceedings
- The applicant does not possess nor is entitled to disposable capital the exceeds a maximum value of \$20,000.00
- The applicant's disposable income does not exceed the present statutory limit after certain deductions are taken into consideration. (\$36,000.00 over previous 12-month period)

In criminal matters, approval for legal aid is granted by the Magistrate / Master in the district court where the matter is being heard.

