

Supporting people affected by the Safer Municipalities Act (Bill 6)

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Land Acknowledgement

CLEO acknowledges that our office is located on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat. This land is now also home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. This area of Tkaronto, also known as Toronto, is covered by Treaty 13 signed by the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties signed by multiple Mississauga and Chippewa First Nations.

We acknowledge the ongoing impacts of colonization, anti-Indigenous racism, and white supremacy on which this city and our legal system are built. We are all Treaty people and we commit to working in solidarity towards truth and reconciliation.



CLEO Resources

Steps to Justice – free legal information

- stepstojustice.ca

Guided Pathways – help completing legal forms

- stepstojustice.ca/guided-pathways-home/

CLEO publications – free print resources

- cleo.on.ca

CLEO Connect – training for community workers

- cleoconnect.ca



What can you expect today?

- 60 minutes (3 presenters and a Q and A).
- The webinar may contain legal information. As a reminder, this is not legal advice. The information is current as of today's date, January 22, 2026.
- Links to the recording, slides, and handout will be sent by email to all registrants within a few days.
- ASL interpretation is available today. Subtitles (closed captioning) have also been enabled.



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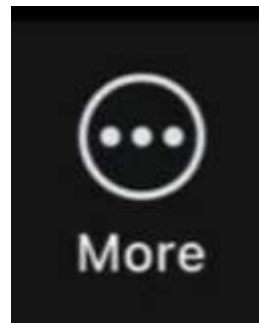
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Speaker Introduction



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**Presented by: Amy Slotek, Staff Lawyer and Program Lead,
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Legal Aid Ontario - Provincial Offences Act (POA) Program

Helping accused charged with POA offences in downtown Toronto are provided with legal representation since 2016.

Common Charges:

- Charges under the *Trespass to Property Act*
- Charges under the *Liquor License Act*
- Charges under the *Safe Streets Act*
- Charges under the *Highway Traffic Act*



The Provincial Offences Act

- Sets out how provincial laws and municipal by-laws are charged, managed and prosecuted.
- Examples:
- Highway Traffic Act, Education Act, Liquor License Act, Transit by-laws, Environmental Protection Act; and
- The Trespass to Property Act and Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act.
- Provincial offences are not criminal charges.



The Provincial Offences Act

Part I (Tickets): Used for offences that are minor in nature. No imprisonment. Maximum fine of \$1000. Simplified procedure. Served with an offence notice. Must be actioned (or not) within 15 days.

Part II: Used for parking infractions

Part III (Offences): Reserved for more serious offences and punishments (jail, fines imprisonment and/or probation). Clients are usually summonsed to court (or arrested).



● ● ● *Tip 2: Got a Ticket? Tick a Box!*

Most tickets offer an accused person the option of:

1. Pleading Guilty
2. Pleading Not Guilty and Setting a Trial Date
3. Pleading Guilty but making some submissions about the penalty
4. Meet with the Prosecutor for an informal resolution discussion

This needs to be done within 15 days of the ticket being issued!

If you do nothing, you will be deemed not to dispute the ticket and a conviction will be registered against you.



● ● ● ***Tip 3: Got a Summons? Don't Miss Court!***

Missing POA court can result in a trial date being set without the accused person's knowledge.

This means that someone can be tried, convicted and sentenced without even setting foot in court (unlike criminal court).



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- ***Tip 4: Help Clients Preserve Paperwork!***
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Help transient clients
preserve paperwork!

Make copies!

Take notes!



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- ***Tip 5: Get Connected with Legal Support***
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There are resources and supports available!





Thank You. Miigwetch. Merci.

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Community and legal resources

[Find your community legal clinic](#) or call 1-800-668-8258

Legal Aid Ontario: [How do I apply for Legal Aid?](#)

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[Ontario Legal Information Centre](#) offers appointments with a lawyer, in English or French.



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