

## ONTARIO LAWYERS PRACTISING ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

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Use of the directory does not guarantee a free consultation. You will need to discuss legal fees directly with the lawyer/paralegal. The consultation is meant to help you determine your rights and options.

You should not expect the legal representative to do any free legal work during this time - that is not the purpose of the consultation.

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**Pro Bono Ontario** has established the Free Legal Advice Hotline, which is designed to assist lower and middle-income Ontario residents quickly resolve common legal problems, including employment, housing, consumer protection, debt and estate issues as well as corporate law for charities, non-profits and small businesses. You must qualify financially to receive this assistance. Pro Bono Ontario has also created a legal form database, including court forms and demand letters, its lawyers can use to quickly produce documents that can be e-mailed to the caller.

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