



Family Court Assessors – Court Approved Roster, Family Court Services, Dept of Justice

The Department of Justice is seeking applications from qualified and registered Master level Social Workers and Psychologists (or equivalent member of a professional organization) within Nova Scotia to complete assessments for private family justice matters. Applications will be accepted from across the Province of Nova Scotia, however, the Department is eagerly seeking resources in the Port Hawkesbury, Sydney, Pictou, and Yarmouth regions.

Applicants must:

- Possess a Masters degree in social work or Psychology, or its equivalency, and valid license and insurance.
- Provide proof of registration with the NCSCW (or equivalent) confirming your status as a Clinical Specialist (or equivalency) and ability to practice in the province of Nova Scotia.
- Demonstrate experience in conducting assessments, with a strong understanding of relevant legal and ethical considerations.
- Possess a high level of judgement, independent decision-making and discretion is required.
- Have excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, with the ability to effectively convey assessment findings and recommendations to a diverse audience.

Scope of Work:

- Conduct comprehensive court-ordered assessments with individuals involved in private family court matters, within tight timelines.
- Utilize a variety of assessment tools and techniques to complete Parental Capacity Assessments, Voice of the Child reports, and Parenting Plan Evaluations.
- Gather relevant information through interviews, observations, research, and review of pertinent documentation.
- Analyze collected data and preparing detailed reports outlining clinical findings, assessments, and recommendations in a clear and concise manner.
- If required, provide expert testimony in court proceedings to clarify assessment findings and recommendations, and provide professional insights.

Application forms are available from the Department of Justice, by sending an email to familylawassessments@novascotia.ca. Completed applications should be submitted via email to the same address.

The Department of Justice values collaboration with experienced professionals who share our commitment to upholding the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and impartiality in serving the needs of families and the legal community, while offering culturally responsive and ethically responsible practice. We thank you in advance for your interest.