



Legal Aid Manitoba  
L'Aide Juridique du Manitoba

## **Expressions of Interest - After Hours Brydges On-Call - Closing Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at Noon**

In response to COVID-19, Legal Aid Manitoba is seeking expressions of interest from lawyers willing to provide after hours *Brydges* on-call services. All interested counsel must submit their expressions of interest to the attention of

Michael Swait [miswa@legalaid.mb.ca](mailto:miswa@legalaid.mb.ca)

on or before Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at Noon.

**Interested counsel must certify in their expressions of interest that they will provide the following services:**

- accepting calls and conducting focused interviews with detained persons;
- providing advice on their rights and how to exercise them appropriately;
- discussing release and any conditions with the police and accused and acting on the instructions of the accused respecting release; providing appropriate legal advice to detained persons on the next step in their legal matter, including the services legal aid may provide to assist them;
- informing requested counsel, where appropriate, when a client has been arrested, whether they are being remanded into custody (and if so where), and the date and time of the client's next appearance; and
- **completing and submitting the attached abbreviated legal aid application form to [wacfax@legalaid.mb.ca](mailto:wacfax@legalaid.mb.ca) where:**
  - **the applicant confirms that they wish to apply for legal aid; and**
  - **the interviewer determines that the applicant has the proper capacity to provide information required to complete the abbreviated application**

**Interested counsel must certify in their expressions of interest that they will comply with the following Mandatory Restrictions:**

- The successful candidate(s) must be available on demand throughout the time period assigned; to meet this criteria, the successful candidate(s) must use LAM's *Brydges* on-call system.
- The successful candidate may arrange for alternate counsel from time to time when they are not personally available to provide these services, but will be responsible to ensure the services are provided in accordance with all conditions set out in this email.
- The solicitor who provides advice through the *Brydges* on-call system, and the firm they practice with, may not accept a certificate to represent a *Brydges* on-call client unless the client is currently, or has previously been, represented by that counsel or

their firm, and confirms that they want the solicitor and their firm to represent them on the new charge.

- The services provided by counsel are subject to evaluation at the discretion of the Executive Director, and must demonstrate consistent and effective delivery of *Brydges* On-call services. These services are meant to be a temporary measure in response to COVID-19 and may be terminated at the discretion of the Executive Director.
- The successful candidate(s) must keep up-to-date, accurate statistical records (including actual time spent) as counsel providing advice may be compellable as a witness in proceedings involving the accused.

We thank all those who express an interest in providing this service. Only applicants who have confirmed in their reply email that they will comply with all of the conditions above will be considered. LAM reserves the right to award the delivery of these services to one or multiple practitioners.

### **ABBREVIATED APPLICATION**

The attached application is a fillable pdf form. It can be used on Windows, Apple, Android and iOS platforms. We find that it works well using the free version of Adobe Acrobat reader:

Windows/Apple computers: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

Android Devices: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.adobe.reader&hl=en\\_CA](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.adobe.reader&hl=en_CA)

iPhone/iPad: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/adobe-acrobat-reader-for-pdf/id469337564>