



## RESOURCES FOR LITIGANTS- IN-PERSON

### WHAT ARE SOME RESOURCES I CAN LOOK AT?

For general information  
For procedural guidance  
For law firms  
For legal institutions

If you are doing legal research, you may find the following sources helpful.

However, you may need subscriptions to access some of these sites. Please check with the State Courts Library if you can access them through the courts:

Lawnet

LexisNexis

Parliamentary reports

Legislation

The courts can be found online here:

State Courts

Family Justice Courts

High Court and Supreme Court

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I CAN'T AFFORD A LAWYER?

There are various resources depending whether you need **legal aid** (someone to represent you in court) or if you need **legal advice** (to consult a lawyer about your case).

#### Legal Aid

##### Legal Assistance for Capital Offences (LASCO)

If the charge you face can carry the death penalty, you will be assigned free legal counsel to represent you. There is no means test or eligibility criteria to meet.

##### Criminal Legal Aid Scheme (CLAS)

CLAS assists those who are unable to afford a lawyer and are facing charges for non-death penalty offences.

##### Legal Aid Bureau (LAB)

LAB provides representation in civil proceedings, subject to a means and merits test.



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### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I'M ARRESTED?

The police will usually detain you for 48 hours at most, but they can obtain a Magistrate's order to extend the custody. You are allowed to consult a lawyer while you are in police custody in a reasonable time. Please refer to this booklet for more details about the investigation process and your rights.

### IF I GO TO JAIL, IS THERE ANY HELP I CAN GET AFTER I AM RELEASED?

The Yellow Ribbon Project offers employment assistance for ex-offenders. There are also other resources such as Social Service Offices, addiction treatment/support groups and community family programmes that you can tap on.

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#### Legal Advice

Legal advice can be obtained at various legal clinics throughout Singapore.

It typically involves a 20-30 minute consultation with a volunteer lawyer.

You can refer to this link for a list of free legal clinics in Singapore.

Different clinics may have different eligibility criteria, so do call them to verify that you are eligible.

**Alternatively, if your matter is not a criminal one and is between you and another person, you may wish to consider mediation as it is cheaper than going to court.**

See <https://www.mediation.com.sg/>