**NOTICE**

Please be advised that the Land Titles Office staff **cannot** assist those wishing to claim a lien under the **Mechanics’ Lien Act** in preparing the claim.

The role of the land titles office staff is to review documents which have been submitted to determine whether or not they are acceptable. It is incompatible with this role to provide legal advice or assist individuals in preparing their documents.

Staff **can** tell you the fee for filing the claim and can assist you in conducting title searches. However, just as we would not assist someone in preparing a claim against your property, we cannot assist you in preparing your claim.

**We CANNOT tell you:**

The description of the land against which you are making the claim;

Who you should make the claim against;

The amount you should claim or the events which support your claim;

When the work was completed;

What the terminology in the form means, etc.

We would strongly urge those wishing to draft their own claim of lien to consider consulting a lawyer **BEFORE** drafting or registering the claim.

Since a Court action must be commenced within a limited period of time after registering the claim of lien **and** even the best lawyer may be unable to protect a claim, which has been improperly drafted, and saving legal fees at the time the claim is filed may be a false economy.

For those still wishing to draft their own claims, copies of the **MECHANICS’ LIEN ACT** are available on our website at: <https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/legislation/#gn-filebrowse-0:/m/mechanics-lien/>