

Adjudicators – Small Claims Court of Nova Scotia

The Department of Justice is seeking applications from practicing members with a minimum of seven years at the Bar and in good standing with the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society. Applications will be accepted from across the province.

Applicants must:

* Be a practicing member in good standing with the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society.
* Have at least seven years at the Bar.
* Demonstrate an interest in civil litigation; and
* Demonstrate an interest in alternate dispute resolution methods

Possessing strong decision-making skills and decision-writing abilities will be considered a strong asset.

Our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative, at all job levels, of the citizens we serve. The Government of Nova Scotia has an Employment Equity Policy. We welcome applications from Indigenous, African Nova Scotian and other racially visible persons, persons with disabilities, women in occupations or positions where they are under-represented and other employment equity groups. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on your application form.

Adjudicators of the Small Claims Court receive compensation for their services. The sitting fee is $145 per hour. Adjudicators also receive $125 per hour (up to five hours) for decision writing time per case. Preparation for a stated case is compensated at a fixed rate of $200.00. In addition to these fees, Adjudicators receive an administrative fee of $125 per month to cover disbursements incurred to defray costs associated with their role.

Application forms are available from the Department of Justice, by sending an email to SCCAdjudicatorApps@novascotia.ca . Completed applications should be submitted via email to the same address. The application deadline is October 24, 2025.