Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network - to develop and maintain a new relationship between the criminal justice system and the Mi'kmaq and Indigenous people of Nova Scotia.

MLSN was initiated by the Nova Scotia chiefs to develop and maintain a sustainable justice support system. This will ensure fair treatment of all Mi'kmaq and Indigenous people in the justice system.

Office Locations

Cape Breton Office

29 Medicine Trail Eskasoni, Nova Scotia B1W 1G4 902-379-2042 1-877-379-2042

Millbrook Office

803 Willow Street Millbrook, Nova Scotia B2N 6N8 902-895-1141

Dartmouth Office

15 Alderney Drive, Suite 1 Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B2Y 2N2 902-468-0381

Kentville Office

495 Main Street, Unit 201
Kentville, Nova Scotia B4N 3W5
1-877-379-2042 and ask for
program contact details





Bail Verification:

The bail verification process involves the completion of an interview with the client to gather information that will be shared to the courts to assist in determining release from custody.



Supervision:

Supervision begins when the accused is released from custody on a judicial interim release (bail order) with the conditions of bail directing them to participate in the MLSN Bail Verification and Supervision Program. Bail supervision ends when there is a termination of all orders requiring bail supervision.

MLSN Will:

- Supervise and meet with you on a regular basis.
- Remind you of court dates and review all bail conditions with you.
- Review the consequences of not complying with the bail order.
- Assist you to develop and implement a case plan.
- Provide on-going support and assistance through the process.
- Initiate referral to community programs and services.
- Set up programs and services to help maintain healing to wellness plan.

As a Client:

As a client of this program, you agree to the following:

- Report to MLSN for intake.
- Establish and maintain a reporting schedule with the caseworker.
- Attend all scheduled court dates.
- Abide by all conditions listed in your bail order.
- Work with MLSN to implement a case place that addresses issues that may have brought you before the courts.

Who Qualifies?

The MLSN Bail Verification and Supervision Program is made available to any Mi'kmaw or indigenous person 16 years of age or older accused of a criminal offence who are:

- Awaiting bail decisions.
- Remanded for show cause hearing.
- In custody unable to meet their surety and bail cash.
- Appealing a bail decision which has resulted in detention.

