**Legal 101 Series Focuses on Small Claims Actions & Understanding Canadian Criminal Law**

***For Immediate Release (March 5, 2018):*** KCR Immigrant Services, in partnership with the Law Foundation of BC, present the final two sessions of the Legal 101 series “Canadian Criminal Laws” and “Small Claims Court” on March 13 and 15 respectively. Both sessions take place at KCR Community Resources at 620 Leon Avenue in downtown Kelowna and start at 6:30 pm. Sessions are free to participants and complimentary child minding is available.

The Canadian Criminal Law session will be very important to Permanent Residents who need to understand their rights and obligations in Canadian Criminal Law and what could happen to their immigration status and citizenship application in case they are charged with, or convicted of a criminal offense.  The session will cover different levels of criminal charges, including both provincial and federal laws.  This session is offered with an Arabic Interpreter.

Despite its diminutive name, Small Claims is a big deal to the people initiating the action. Small Claims actions are brought before the Provincial Court to settle claims for debt, damage, recovery of personal property and specific performance of agreements only between people or legal entities such as companies or societies. While Small Claims actions are perceived as less formal than Supreme Court, being properly prepared and filling out the forms correctly could be very helpful for people to settle their disputes quickly and efficiently.

“Small Claims, while intended to assist people who aren’t lawyers, is still complicated,” says Small Claims Court presenter Justin Dalton, lawyer with Pushor Mitchell LLP. “The assistance of a lawyer to provide insight to navigate that process can be very valuable.”

All sessions take place at KCR Community Resources at 620 Leon Avenue and run from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, with doors opening at 6:00 pm.

To register or for more information, contact Dorothee Birker at [Dorothee@kcr.ca](mailto:Dorothee@kcr.ca) or 250-860-4911.

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**In Brief:**

**What: Legal 101**

**Presented by KCR - Community Resources and The Law Foundation of BC**

**When: Tuesday, March 13 Canadian Criminal Law**

*Understanding your rights and obligations under Canadian Criminal Law is important for everyone.*

Gavin Jones, Jones & Company Law Office

Sandra Hakanson, Ocana Law Group

**Thursday, March 15 Small Claims Court**

*Small Claims is no small issue to be dealing with.  Lawyer Justin Dalton sheds light on the process and how you can prepare for it.*

Justin Dalton, Pushor Mitchell LLP

Sandra Hakanson, Ocana Law Group

**Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Doors Open at 6:00 pm

**Where: KCR - Community Resources**

**620 Leon Ave**

**Downtown Kelowna**

**Cost: Free**

Free Child Minding also available

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