

Family Court

This handout directs you to helpful info on family matters you can deal with in **Provincial Court** – guardianship, parenting arrangements, child/spousal support, protection orders.

Note: Most of these matters can also be dealt with in Supreme Court. For divorce and division of family property, you must go to Supreme Court.

An Overview



Living Together or Living Apart | *basics of family law in BC*

Explains what laws apply, which court to go to, issues to consider, and more.

See more resources at familylaw.lss.bc.ca – covers both Provincial & Supreme Court

MyLawBC | *guided pathways for legal solutions*

Answer questions to get help with legal problems. Includes a "get family (court orders)" pathway, and what to do after "I've been served with a court document."



JP Boyd on Family Law | *detailed & practical overview*

Plain-language manual. Written by a well-known family law expert and updated by BC lawyers. Find examples of completed Court Forms and practical How-To's.



Families Change | *guide for separation & divorce*

Information to help parents, teens, and kids deal with a family break up. Includes Parenting After Separation course that covers key legal rights and responsibilities.

Alternatives to Court



Family Court – Dial-A-Law Script | *resolve disputes out of court*

Introduces mediation and other ways you can settle outside of court.



Alternatives to Court | *alternate dispute resolution or "ADR"*

Also discusses ways to resolve cases in child protection matters.

Preparing for Court



Self Help Guides | *make or respond to a court application*

Filing & Setting Aside Agreements, Child protection/removal, Fees, Drafting affidavits & court orders, Enforcement, FMEP, Financial Statements, Serving documents, etc.

How to Prepare for a Trial in Provincial Court | *general trial information*

Roles in the courtroom, Steps during a trial, How to prepare a trial book, etc.

- ◆ **More Fact Sheets** at "Legal System & Courts": e.g. Filling out forms, FCC checklist.



Family Cases | *hear from the Provincial Court*

- ◆ Preparing for a Family Court Trial in Provincial Court: Trial Procedure, Evidence relevant to various applications or issues, Cross-Examination
- ◆ Financial Documents for Family Court: What financial documents do I need and how do I prepare? What is a Form 4?
- ◆ Without Notice Application Checklist for litigants: When you file a Family Law Act application without notice to the other party, you will be asked to fill out this form to help a judge determine the urgency of your application.

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