

# 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](http://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



### Mediation & Collaborative Practice | *resolve disputes out of court*

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



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

Also discusses ways to resolve cases in child protection matters.

## Preparing for Court



### Family Law in BC | *information pages & step-by-step guides*

- ◆ Filing & setting aside agreements, child protection/removal, fees, drafting affidavits & court orders, enforcement, Family Maintenance Enforcement Program (FMEP), financial statements, serving documents, etc.
- ◆ Trials in Provincial Court: roles in the courtroom, steps during a trial, how to prepare a trial book, filling out forms, FCC checklist, etc.



### 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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