

Family Court

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

Note: Most of these matters can also be dealt with in BC 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 family.legalaid.bc.ca – covers both Provincial & Supreme Courts



Families Change BC | *dealing with a family break up*

Age-appropriate information to help parents, teens, and kids deal with a family break up.

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, Family Case Conference checklist, etc.



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Family Cases | *info & guides from the Provincial Court*

- ◆ Links to information on the new Provincial Court Family Rules.
- ◆ 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?
- ◆ Attending Court Remotely: information and guides on attending court using Microsoft Teams video-conferencing or by telephone

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