

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 BC 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 and Supreme Courts.



Families Change | *dealing with a family breakup*

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

Alternatives to Court



Mediation, Collaborative Negotiation, and Arbitration | *resolve disputes out of court*

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



Alternatives to Court | *alternate dispute resolution (ADR)*

Also discusses ways to resolve cases in child protection matters.

Preparing for Court



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

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

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

- Links to information on the 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 you need, how to prepare, and an explanation of Form 4.
- Attending Court Remotely — information and guides on attending court using Microsoft Teams video-conferencing or by telephone.

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