

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](http://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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