

Free Legal Advice and Information

North Shore Women's Centre – Family Law Clinic - www.northshorewomen.ca/family-law-clinic

- Female family law lawyers provide private legal information and advice consultation for one hour on family law issues.
- This program is available to women whose personal annual income is below \$50,000 after taxes.

Legal Aid BC – Legal Advice Services - https://lss.bc.ca/legal_aid/familyLegalAdvice

Phone: 604-408-2172

- Provides duty counsel, advice lawyers and Family LawLINE

Family Duty Counsel

Phone: 604-601-6086, Mon-Fri, 9 am - 4 pm

- Lawyers at courthouses who provide advice to people representing themselves in court and guide them to fill out their forms.

Family LawLINE

Phone: 604-408-2172, Mon, Tue, Thu, and Fri — 9 am to 3 pm and Wed — 9 am to 2:30 pm,

- Telephone service where family lawyers provide advice about parenting time, custody, access, support, and agreements.

North Vancouver Family Justice Centre - www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/divorce/family-justice

Phone: (604) 981-0084

- Family Justice Counsellors offer legal information/help for families with parenting arrangements, contact with a child, guardianship, and support issues.
- Can also provide short-term counseling, alternate dispute resolution, and assistance with the court process.

Access Pro Bono - www.accessprobono.ca

- Offers free legal services for qualifying candidates - call 604-878-7400 or 1-800-762-6664 to begin the booking process.

Rise Women's Legal Centre - <https://womenslegalcentre.ca/>

- Provides women with legal assistance in family law and related areas – law students and lawyers offer legal advice, help file documents in court, represent women in Provincial Court in some cases, and support women to enforce their legal rights.

Justice Access Centres - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/about-bcs-justice-system/jac>

Phone: 604-660-2084

- Centre offers self-help and information services, dispute resolution and mediation options, limited legal advice, referral to community resources and agencies, free publications, courses and presentations.

North Shore Community Resources Family Law Advocate - www.nscr.bc.ca/information/legal.html

Phone: 604-985-7138 ext. 310

- Offers free legal services for Family Law issues, including legal information and referral, legal advice, limited legal representation and general assistance.
- Can help with Family Law issues such as divorce, custody, child support, parenting time, division of property, child protection, dispute resolution, etc.

BWSS Legal Advocacy Program - <https://www.bwss.org/support/law-reform/family-law/>

- Provides legal support to women who are or have experienced violence in intimate relationships and are currently involved in the justice system.
- Offers help navigating family law and child protection systems, legal information and court accompaniment.

Justice Education Society - LawCoachBC - <https://www.lawcoachbc.ca/>

- Free personalized coaching to help you separate or divorce, including 1-hour of legal advice by a BC family law lawyer.

Lower-Cost Legal Services

BC Family Law Unbundling Roster - <https://sites.google.com/view/bfur>

- A list of BC family lawyers and paralegals who offer unbundled legal services - unbundling of legal services lets clients pay for some assistance depending on when they want help and what they can afford.

Access Pro Bono Lawyer Referral Service - <http://www.accessprobono.ca/lawyer-referral-service>

Phone (Local Number): (604) 687-3221

- This service provides contact information of a suitable lawyer, who will meet for a free half-hour legal consultation. If you want to retain a lawyer further, you may hire this lawyer at an agreeable rate of charge.

Online Legal Education Resources

Legal Services Society – Family Law in BC - <https://familylaw.lss.bc.ca/>

- This website has easy to understand legal information on various family law issues.
- They also have a do-it-yourself divorce kit for non-contested divorces.

Legal Aid BC – My Law BC - <https://mylawbc.com/paths/family/#>

- Interactive software to help you find out what your options are for working through your family law matters.

Clicklaw – JP Boyd on Family Law - http://wiki.clicklaw.bc.ca/index.php/JP_Boyd_on_Family_Law

- This website offers a comprehensive survey of family law, divorce law and the court process in British Columbia.

How to Separate - <https://www.howtoseparate.ca/>

- An online course that helps people in BC move through separation or divorce.

Family & Child Support

Justice Education Society - <https://www.justiceeducation.ca/>

- Provides information on basic family law including on care of children, child support & calculation, spousal support, property division, separation agreements, and settlement types.

Family Maintenance Enforcement Program - www.fmep.gov.bc.ca

- FMEP is a free service of the BC Ministry of Justice helping families and children entitled to support under a maintenance order or agreement.

Parenting Resources

Families Change - <https://bc.familieschange.ca/en>

- Website with guides for Parents, Teens, or Kids on separation.

Dispute Resolution Services

North Shore Family Dispute Resolution Group - <http://nsfdr.ca/>

- Provides clients with child and parent counselling, financial and family law advice, and dispute resolution options.

North Shore Pro Bono Society - <https://northshoreprobono.ca/services/>

- Offers pro bono family mediation, pro bono estate planning, co-mediation and dispute resolution education
- Services also available in Farsi

Mediate BC - <http://www.mediatebc.com/>

- Mediate BC offers mediation information, services and programs, to resolve family disputes outside of court.

Collaborative Divorce Vancouver - <http://www.collaborativedivorcebc.com>

- Information about the Collaborative Divorce process and how to find a Collaborative Divorce Professional.

BC Collaborative Roster Society - www.bccollaborativerostersociety.com

- Information on Collaborative Law – also offers a Pro Bono Collaborative Divorce Project, where qualifying individuals can access free Collaborative Law services to resolve family disputes.