

Legal Advice:

- A lawyer can help you understand your rights and responsibilities under the law.
- Meeting with a lawyer does not mean you have to start a legal action.
- Information from a lawyer can help you decide your first steps and develop a long term plan.
- Your discussion of your legal situation with a lawyer is confidential.

Resource	Services	Good to Know
Legal Aid Mon-Thu: 9am-4pm Closed: 12:30pm-1:30pm 604-472-0634 Port Coquitlam Prov. Court 2620 Mary Hill Road Room 323	Advice and representation for low-income clients. Legal aid may help with child protection and serious family law issues. Legal aid will generally not deal with divorce orders, support orders, or property division.	Hours with a legal aid lawyer will be limited. The Legal Services Society is more likely to provide legal aid to deal with an immediate crisis, so it may be easier to obtain legal aid if you apply right away.
Access Pro Bono Legal Clinics TCT Outreach Program at 604-941-7111 Ext.111 or Access Pro Bono at 604-878-7400	Half-hour appointments with a pro bono lawyer for free legal advice for low-income clients. Clinics in many areas of law, including family law clinics.	Half an hour is a short time. It is important to prepare your documents and questions in advance.
Family Duty Counsel Provincial Court Tue, Wed, Thu: 9am-4pm (We recommend making appointments for Wednesday.) 604-472-0648 Port Coquitlam Prov. Court 2620 Mary Hill Road Rooms 308 and 323	Free legal information and advice. Help with urgent applications, forms, and first appearances. May help with one family case conference. Available services are determined by income and circumstance. May represent you on simple matters. Will not represent you at trial.	You can drop in if your matter is in court that day. Otherwise, it is best to call ahead. Speak with Provincial Court duty counsel if you have a matter in Provincial Court or want information about starting one. Note: Property division matters and divorce orders are handled in Supreme Court only.
Family Duty Counsel Supreme Court 604-775-0628 2nd and 4th floor New West Law Courts Begbie Square 651 Carnarvon St	Free legal information and advice. Help with urgent applications, forms, and first appearances. Available services are determined by income and circumstance. May represent on simple matters. Do not represent at trial.	You can drop in if your matter is in court on that day. Otherwise, it is best to call ahead for an appointment. Speak with Supreme Court duty counsel if you have a matter in Supreme Court or want information about starting one.
Family Justice Centre Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30 604-927-2217 2610 Mary Hill Road Port Coquitlam	Free legal information, help with forms, mediation, and drafting separation agreements. Do not help with property division or divorce orders.	Family Justice Centres are unable to support families where one of both parties discloses abuse in the relationship.

CBA Lawyer Referral Service 604-687-3221 or 1-800-663-1919	Provides referrals to lawyers in private practice in an appropriate practice area. Fee of \$25 + tax for first half hour consultation (helps identify if client has a legal issue and is in need of further advice).	After the initial consultation, further fees are decided between lawyer and client, if they continue the relationship. You are not obligated to hire the lawyer. They are not obligated to take your case.
Sea to Sky Law Corporation 778-728-0208 appointment@seatoskylaw.com	A local law firm offering family law services that accepts legal aid and private retainer files.	You are not obligated to hire a lawyer from this firm. Remember you can decide who to hire.
Rise Women’s Legal Centre womenslegalcentre.ca 604-451-7447	Free legal advice and representation for women in BC with family law matters.	Student clinic. Contact for intake appointment.
Indigenous Community Legal Clinic 604-684-7334 101 – 148 Alexander Street Vancouver	Free legal representation for self-identified Indigenous persons who qualify and have a legal issue under the jurisdiction of the BC provincial courts.	Student clinic. Contact for intake appointment.
Family Maintenance Enforcement Program 604-678-5670 fmep.gov.bc.ca	This service is used to collect support payments when there is an existing support order or agreement filed in a BC court.	It can take 4 to 6 weeks to enrol a case, including the time it takes to get a copy of the filed order or agreement from the court.
Legal Services Society Family Law in BC familylaw.lss.bc.ca	Basic legal information on most family law topics. Self-help guides that explain how to make or respond to a court application. Separation agreement template. Sample completed family court forms.	This is the go-to online resource for family law information. Reach out to a legal advocate or another legal resource if you need more information or help to understand.
Legal Services Society Family LawLINE 604-408-2172 1-866-577-2525	Free legal advice over the telephone from a family lawyer for people with low income. May be available even if you do not qualify for legal aid.	Particularly useful for people who will have difficulty travelling to access legal services.
Clicklaw clicklaw.bc.ca	Basic legal information online, with referrals to other online resources.	Some resources available in Chinese, Punjabi, Korean, Farsi, and other languages.
Dial-A-Law 604-687-4680 or dialalaw.org	Pre-recorded scripts explaining basic legal information.	Available in Chinese and English on the phone.
Court Information Program for Immigrants courtinformation.ca	Free information and referrals to new immigrants and refugees who are appearing in court.	Services in English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Punjabi, and Hindi.