



Family Duty Counsel

We are lawyers paid by the Legal Services Society (legal aid) for up to three hours of free advice to help with family law issues.

You have to qualify financially. See www.legalaid.bc.ca/DoIQualifyAdvice

We Can

- » give you only verbal advice about your legal rights, obligations, and court procedures;
- » review and help you prepare court documents;
- » help you negotiate and settle issues;
- » help you prepare or review consent orders or family agreements that can be filed in court;
- » attend court with you to ask for an adjournment, an unopposed or consent order, or an emergency restraining order, if appropriate;
- » inform you on what to do when you go to court, and
- » refer you to other resources.

We Can't

- » follow up with written advice;
- » go to court for any contested trial or hearing with complicated issues;
- » help you with complex property disputes, or give you tax advice;
- » help you if you already have a lawyer;
- » prepare your court documents;
- » help you with any non-family-law legal problems;
- » serve or accept court documents for you; or
- » become your lawyer while acting as duty counsel.



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