



# Family Duty Counsel

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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](http://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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