

July 27, 2005

Schedule: Supreme Court duty counsel

Family duty counsel can advise low income, unrepresented Supreme Court litigants and make appearances in Chambers on simple or uncontested matters. When Chambers is not in session, duty counsel provide only advice services.

- Chilliwack:** Mondays, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.;
Wednesdays (advice only) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Duncan:** Judge/Masters schedule is irregular; but usually duty counsel is available once per month, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.;
First and third Mondays each month (advice only) 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Kamloops:** Mondays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Kelowna:** July to August:
Mondays (advice only) 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.;
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.;
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
September to June:
Mondays 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.;
Tuesdays (advice only) 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.;
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Nanaimo:** Mondays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.;
Tuesdays (advice only) 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (at 55 Front St. office);
Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Prince George:** Mondays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.;
Wednesdays (advice only) 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.;
Fridays (advice only) 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Revelstoke:** Depending on the court schedule, the second or third Monday of each month (*effective August 3*) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.;
The first Thursday each month (advice only) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Salmon Arm:** The first Thursday and middle Wednesday of each month 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Terrace:** Two Mondays each month (advice only) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (depending on the court schedule).

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Supreme Court duty counsel and advice lawyers

- Vancouver:** Mondays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.;
Mondays through Fridays (advice only, by appointment - call 604 660-1508).
- Vernon:** Generally Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (depending on the court schedule).
- Victoria:** July – August:
Mondays (advice only) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.;
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
September – June:
Mondays (advice only) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.;
Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.;
Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

For further information, check the LSS website (www.lss.bc.ca).

Financial eligibility (legal advice services)

LSS has used a separate financial eligibility test for most legal advice services since 2002/2003. The test, based on the one used by family justice counsellors, is used for family duty counsel, family advice lawyer, and LawLINE advice services. To be eligible, a client's net income must fall within the limits set out in the following chart:

Legal advice financial eligibility test	
Number of family members ¹	Annual / monthly net income ²
4 or fewer	\$32,000 / \$2,666
5	36,000 / 3,000
6	40,000 / 3,333
7 or more	43,000 / 3,583

¹ Family members include children and parent(s) or other adult(s) responsible for and living with the children.
² Income is the person's net income from all sources but does not include that of a new spouse or child support payments.

Clients who are not financially eligible can still receive —

- 20 to 45 minutes of general assistance from family duty counsel (depending on the lawyer's availability),
- an initial 45 minute appointment with a family advice lawyer (with a referral from a family justice counsellor), and
- legal information and referral services from LawLINE.