

Low cost legal advice and information in New Westminster

Legal aid intake

To apply to get a lawyer paid by legal aid.*

New Westminster Courthouse

Begbie Square, 651 Carnarvon Street, Room 222

Phone: 604-585-6595

hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9 am to noon

or

Phone Provincial Call Centre: 604-408-2172

Hours: 9 am to 4 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays,

Thursdays, and Fridays; 9 am to 2:30 pm on

Wednesdays

**note: civil issues are not covered by legal aid*

Provincial Family Duty Counsel

Lawyers give advice on family matters in Provincial Court

First come first serve basis (no appointments in New Westminster); Free

New Westminster Provincial Court

Begbie Square - 651 Carnarvon Street

Phone: 604-775-1653

9 am to 1 pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesday and last Monday of each month

Supreme Family Duty Counsel

Lawyers give advice on family matters for Supreme Court.

First come first serve basis (no appointments); Free

New Westminster Law Courts Begbie Square - 651 Carnarvon

Phone: 604-660-8522; 9 am to 4 pm weekdays

Criminal Duty Counsel – out of custody

Lawyers give advice to someone charged with a criminal offense who does not qualify for legal aid.

They are at Provincial Court to give advice before you appear in court, and can give advice on a drop-in basis during the day if they have time.

Access Probono (www.accessjustice.ca/)

Volunteer lawyers give brief, free advice.

New Westminster meetings are held at Douglas College, 700 Royal Ave.

For appointment call: 604-878-7400

Family Lawline

Advice from lawyers for family matters over the telephone.

604-408-2172; 9:30 am – noon weekdays

UBC law students (www.lslap.bc.ca)

Supervised law students give advice on select legal issues. They do not assist with Family Law, personal injury, or Supreme Court questions (check website for more information).

Available Sept-Nov, Jan-Mar.

For appointment call: 604-822-5791.

New Westminster clinics are sometimes held at Century House, 620 8th St.

Lawyer referral service

\$25.00 plus tax for 30 minute consultation with a lawyer in your geographic area and needed expertise.

Call 604-687-3221 to get the name and phone number of a participating lawyer.

British Columbia Centre for Elder Advocacy and Support (information line & legal advice)

Helps people 55 and over who may be abused in any way (financially, physically, sexually, etc.). Includes a legal team that can give advice in select cases.

Phone: 604-437-1940

Legal Information:

New Westminster Public Library

Legal books and brochures on common legal problems (tenancy, employment, divorce, etc.).

716 6th Avenue, New Westminster

Phone: 604-527-4665

Courthouse Library

Assists with your legal research; includes databases.

651 Carnarvon St., New Westminster

Phone: 604-660-2841

Family Justice Centres

Helps families going through separation and divorce; family justice counselors available.

204-88 10th St, New Westminster

Phone: 604-660-8636

Legal Information Outreach Workers

Help you find information on the internet, publications, and services. Cannot give advice.

Phone: 604-408-2172