Legal Advice and Representation on a Budget

Please note: services in columns 1-3 are described in more detail on Clicklaw, www.clicklaw.bc.ca and in the *Legal Help for British Columbians* guide resources section, see http://www.clicklaw.bc.ca/resource/1968

1) Free advice for low income*	2) Free representation for low income*	3) Low cost, brief advice	4) Negotiated cost "unbundling"
Access Pro Bono Provides 30 – 45 minute appointments with volunteer lawyers	*Legal Aid* (Legal Services Society) may provide a lawyer in serious cases involving: - Criminal - Mental Health - Family - Child Protection - Immigration	*Lawyer Referral Service* provides 30 minute appointments with private bar lawyers for $25	Some private bar lawyers may be willing to negotiate with clients who would like to do some of the work themselves.
Services through Legal Services Society:			
Family LawLine provides legal advice over the phone			
Brydges Line – phone line for people who have been arrested or under investigation			
Family and *Criminal Duty Counsel* programs provide services at courthouses			
Family Advice – referral through Family Justice Centres in eight BC communities			
Immigration Duty Counsel – in Vancouver only			

Phone numbers:

- *Access Pro Bono*: 1-877-762-6664
- *Legal Services Society*: 1-866-577-2525
- *Lawyer Referral Service*: 1-800-663-1919

*Note: **low income eligibility** can vary depending on the service. Contact the individual service to see if you are eligible.

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