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Introduction

The *Public Legal Education and Information Resource Catalogue (BC) Update 2005* contains the titles of new or updated print, online, and audio-visual materials published, offered, and/or distributed by eight public legal education and information providing organizations: BC Courthouse Library Society, Canadian Bar Association — BC Branch, The Law Centre (University of Victoria Clinical Law Program), Law Courts Education Society of BC, Legal Services Society, People's Law School, Simon Fraser University Centre for Education, Law and Society, and University of British Columbia Law Students' Legal Advice Program. If you have questions about any of these entries, please contact the relevant organization (See page 12 of the catalogue for contact information).

How to Use This Update

This online update is designed to be used together with the *Public Legal Education and Information Resource Catalogue (BC) 2003/2004*. Each entry in the update contains either information or a link to information about the publication's content, suggested audience, length, publisher, publication date, and price. Entries are organized under general subject headings (many of the same headings as in the catalogue table of contents). See the catalogue for more information.

How to order publications and audio-visual materials listed in this update

Order the publications and audio-visual materials listed in this update from the organization that published them (see the name that follows the original entry). See the list of addresses, telephone and/or fax numbers, and/or e-mail addresses on page 12 of the catalogue.

Updates to the introduction of the catalogue

BC Courthouse Library Society: There are currently 31 branch libraries across the province.

Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch: The main website address has changed to www.cba.org/bc. The website address for Dial-A-Law is now www.dialalaw.org. The fee for an interview with a lawyer referred by the Lawyer Referral Service has gone up to \$25 for half an hour.

Legal Services Society: The name of the Law Line has changed to LawLINE and the name of the LINK website has changed to LawLINK.

Aboriginal Law

Note: The Legal Services Society video *The British Columbia Land Question: Vision and Voices* is no longer available.

The Legal Services Society publications *First Nations Wills Kit* and *Welfare Appeals on Indian Reserves in British Columbia*, listed in the 2003/2004 catalogue as “Coming soon,” are not available.

Aboriginal Poverty Law Manual

New 2004 (chapters 13 and 16)

Aboriginal Restorative Justice

Aboriginal Restorative Justice is an interactive CD-ROM that introduces the principles and practices of Aboriginal restorative justice. It explores four BC Aboriginal restorative justice programs through interviews with program co-ordinators. Scenes of restorative justice “circles” used by each program and a bail hearing in criminal court demonstrate the differences in how victims and offenders are treated in the two justice systems.

Restorative justice focuses on the harm crime does to people and the steps needed to repair that harm. This CD-ROM shows how Aboriginal restorative justice circles bring the community, victims, and offenders together to develop a peaceful resolution to a problem in keeping with the traditions of the community.

CD-ROM, 32 minutes

Legal Services Society

New 2004

Free

Also available online at: www.lss.bc.ca/pubs_bySubject/aboriginal_law.asp

Rights and Benefits for First Nations People

Booklet, 40 pages

Updated 2004

Speaking of Abuse: Violence Against Aboriginal Women in Relationships

Booklet, 54 pages

Updated 2004

Advocacy Materials

Note: The Legal Services Society publication *Law Lines*, listed in the 2003/2004 catalogue as “Coming soon,” is not available.

Business Law

Business Law — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

266 *Forming a Partnership* * †

267 *Forming a Private Company* * †

265 *Starting a Small Business* †

Updated 2004

* Tapes and scripts available in Punjabi

† Tapes and scripts available in Mandarin

Child Protection

Child Protection — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

141 *Child Protection and Removal* †

156 *Reporting Suspected Child Abuse* * †

Updated 2004

* Tapes and scripts available in Punjabi

† Tapes and scripts available in Mandarin

Human Rights — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

238 *Children's Rights* †

Updated 2004

† Tape and script available in Mandarin

If Your Child Is Taken by the Ministry of Children and Family Development: Your Rights As a Parent

Updated 2003 (French)/2005 (English)

Keeping Our Children Safe: Child Protection in BC

Updated 2004

Parents' Rights, Kids' Rights: A Parent's Guide to Child Protection Law in BC

Updated 2004 (French and English)

Consumer/Credit and Debt

Consumer/Credit and Debt — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

255 *Door-to-Door Sales, Time-Shares and Contracts You Can Cancel*

Updated 2004

Criminal Law

If You Are Charged with a Crime

Now available in French

No Contact Orders Explained

Updated 2005

Representing Yourself in a Criminal Trial

Updated May 2005

Speaking to the Judge Before You Are Sentenced

Now available in French

What to Do If You Are Charged with... (Next Step Series)

What to Do If You Are Charged with Assault

What to Do If You Are Charged with a Drinking and Driving Offence

What to Do If You Are Charged with Mischief

What to Do If You Are Charged with Possession of an Illegal Drug

What to Do If You Are Charged with Possession of Property Under \$5,000 Obtained by Crime

What to Do If You Are Charged with Theft Under \$5,000

Updated May 2005

Employment

Note: The Legal Services Society publications *Employment Insurance (Korean)* and *Employment Law for the Non-Union Worker*, listed in the 2003/2004 catalogue as “Coming soon,” are not available.

Choices: Information for Farm Workers

This new video features four short dramatizations aimed at Punjabi farm workers in the Fraser Valley. Based on real-life situations faced by people employed in the agricultural industry, and performed by actors in Punjabi (with English subtitles), the vignettes explain —

- harassment of women in the workplace
- transportation safety
- abuse of the employment insurance system
- where to get support and legal help

Following each dramatization, a local Punjabi representative from a community organization, the police, or the Workers' Compensation Board gives a brief explanation of the issues involved in the story. Produced by Abbotsford Community Services, the video also describes the Legal Advocacy Program and contains useful contact information for farm workers who need help.

Video, 20 minutes

Abbotsford Community Services/Legal Services Society

New 2004

Free

In Punjabi with English subtitles

Employment — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

274 *Farm Workers' Rights*

273 *Farm Workers' Wages*

Updated 2004

Family Law

See also “Child Protection” and “Family Violence.”

Family Law — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

Children, custody, or adoption

141 *Child Protection and Removal* †

Divorce, separation, or support

117 *Child Support* †

132 *Enforcing Maintenance, Support Orders and Agreements* * †

111 *Mediation and Collaborative Family Law* †

123 *Spousal Support* †

121 *Undefended and Joint Divorces* †

Updated 2004

* Tapes and scripts available in Punjabi

† Tapes and scripts available in Mandarin

Family Matters in Supreme Court: Judicial Case Conferences and Chambers Hearings

(formerly called *Initial Applications for Family Matters in the Supreme Court* and listed as “Coming soon.”)

This video is for anyone going to Supreme Court without a lawyer on a family matter. The fictional scenarios it contains show two aspects of the process — the judicial case conference and the hearing that can follow in Supreme Court Chambers. The video dramatizes the fictional situation of Mark and Tracy Carter as they attend a judicial case conference, where they agree to reduce Mark’s monthly child support payments, and a Supreme Court Chambers hearing, where the master rules that Mark must still pay child support arrears.

Family Matters in Supreme Court is designed to help people understand the legal process they will go through if they have to go to a judicial case conference or to Supreme Court Chambers for a hearing. The video can help people get a sense of what they will face when they go to the Supreme Court and works well with the Legal Services Society’s self-help kits on applying to change child support orders.

Video, 19 minutes

Legal Services Society

New 2004

Free

Available online at: www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca/subjectareas/videolist.asp

How to Apply for an Indigency Order if You Cannot Afford to Pay Court Fees

This do-it-yourself online kit is for people who want to begin, defend, or continue a divorce or get or change custody, access, guardianship, or support orders in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and can’t afford to pay the necessary court filing fees.

The kit explains how to apply for an Indigency Order, which is a court order that allows a person to begin or respond to an application without paying court fees.

Online self-help kit

Legal Services Society

New 2004

Free

Available only online at:

www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca/kits/indigencyorder/HowToApplyIndigencyOrderHome.asp

How to Change a Family Order in the Supreme Court of British Columbia if You Cannot Agree

These do-it-yourself online kits are for people who want to change support, custody, guardianship, or access orders in the Supreme Court of British Columbia or respond to applications to change support, custody, guardianship, or access orders in Supreme Court. The kits are for people who cannot agree on one or more of the issues. These kits include step-by-step instructions for the process, blank forms, and instructions for filling out the forms.

Online self-help kits

Legal Services Society

New 2005

Free

Available only online at:

www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca/kits/familyorderdis/supreme/changingFamilySupremeHome.asp

How to Get or Change a Family Order in the Supreme Court of British Columbia if You and the Other Party Agree

This do-it-yourself online kit is for people who want to get or change support, custody, guardianship, or access orders in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and who agree on all of the issues. The kit includes step-by-step instructions for the process, blank forms, and instructions for filling out the forms.

Online self-help kit

Legal Services Society

New 2004

Free

Available only online at:

www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca/kits/familyorder/HowToGetOrChangeAFamilyOrderHome.asp

Human Rights — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

238 *Children's Rights* †

Updated 2004

† Tape and script available in Mandarin

If Your Marriage Breaks Up: Dealing with the Legal Issues

Booklet, 80 pages

Updated 2005 (English)/2004 (French)

Kids in the Middle: Parenting After Separation for Aboriginal Communities

(formerly called *Aboriginal Parenting After Separation*)

A facilitator's guide, handbook, and educational video for Aboriginal community service workers, parents, families, and communities dealing with separation. The facilitator's guide includes background material and lesson plans for one-on-one sessions and community workshops. The handbook includes strategies, tips, and worksheets to help adults assess their own personal needs and respond to the needs of their children. The video includes realistic scenarios related to separation from an Aboriginal perspective.

Facilitator's guide, 60 pages; handbook, 60 pages; video, 13 minutes

Law Courts Education Society of BC

Updated and renamed 2005

Facilitator's guide package, \$50; handbook alone, \$5; video alone, \$25

Now available in French

Living Common-Law: Your Rights and Responsibilities

Booklet, 70 pages

Updated 2005 (English)/2004 (French)

Family Violence

Legal Information for Battered Women: Fact Sheet Series

1. *If You Are an Immigrant Sponsored by Your Husband*
2. *Taking Legal Action*
3. *Custody and Access*
4. *Peace Bonds, Restraining Orders, and No-Contact Orders*
5. *Can You Stay in the Family Home on Reserve?*

Updated 2004 (English only)

Housing

Can't Pay Your Mortgage? What You Can Do If You're Facing Foreclosure

Updated 2005

Housing — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

Buying or selling a home or condominium

406 *Buying a House* †

405 *Selling Your House* †

Mortgages or foreclosures

415 *Foreclosure* †

408 *Mortgages and Financing a House Purchase* †

Note: Tapes 415 *Foreclosure — What Is It?* and 416 *Foreclosure — What Happens?* have been combined into one tape (415 *Foreclosure*, above).

Other real estate law

409 *Home Repair Contractors*

Updated 2004

† Tapes and scripts available in Mandarin

Tenant Survival Guide

Updated 2004

Human Rights

Human Rights — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

230 *Charter of Rights and Freedoms: Overview* *

238 *Children's Rights* †

Updated 2004

* Tape and script available in Punjabi

† Tape and script available in Mandarin

Immigrants/Newcomers to Canada/ESL

Refugee fact sheets

1. *Starting a Refugee Claim* (includes a flowchart of the refugee claim process)
2. *Legal Help and Other Services for Refugee Claimants*
3. *How to Fill Out a Personal Information Form*
4. *A Guide to Humanitarian and Compassionate Applications*
5. *A Guide to Pre-Removal Risk Assessment Applications*
6. *Personal Information Form* (available in Chinese and Spanish only)

This refugee fact sheet series explains the process of seeking refugee protection in Canada, with specific references to British Columbia. Written in plain language, the sheets provide straightforward information about how to apply for refugee status, what documents are needed, how to fill out the forms, and where to get help.

A translation of the Immigration and Refugee Board's Personal Information Form is also available in Chinese and Spanish. The translated form is designed to help refugees fill out the official government form.

Fact sheets, 4 – 12 pages each

Legal Services Society

New 2004

Free

Available in Chinese, English, and Spanish

Sponsorship Breakdown

Updated 2003 (all languages)

Laws and the Legal System

Courts and Court Rules — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

Small Claims Court

169 *Getting Your Judgment Paid* †

Updated 2004

† Tape and script available in Mandarin

Courts of BC

Now available in English and French

Available online at: www.lawcourtsed.ca/resources

Courtwatcher's Manual

Updated version available May 2005

\$3

Fact Sheet 1: An Overview of a Lawsuit in Small Claims Court

Updated 2004

Fact Sheet 2: Starting a Lawsuit

Updated 2004

Fact Sheet 3: Lawsuits Involving Persons Under 19 Years of Age

Updated 2004

Fact Sheet 4: Preserving Property Pending the Outcome of a Lawsuit in Small Claims Court

Updated 2004

Lawyers and Legal Services

Lawyers and Legal Services — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

Lawyers

435 *Choosing a Lawyer and Preparing for the First Interview* †

Legal services

430 *Low Cost and Free Legal Services* †

Updated 2005

† Tapes and scripts available in Mandarin

Legislative Research

BC Legislative Digest

Annual subscription
\$235

Canada Legislative Index

Annual subscription
\$260

Programs and Services

Note: The Legal Services Society booklet *Guidelines for Legal Aid* has been replaced by the booklet *Legal Aid: We Can Give You Legal Help* and the brochure *Legal Aid: Financial Eligibility*.

Courthouse Libraries in BC; Only a Phone Call or a Click Away

Brochure; poster/flyer
Updated 2005/2003

Dial-A-Law Script Binder

There are now 128 scripts available in the binder.

Updated 2005

Legal Aid: Financial Eligibility

This brochure explains the financial eligibility requirements for legal representation and advice services from the Legal Services Society.

Brochure
Legal Services Society
New 2005
Free

Legal Aid: Lawyer Services

(formerly called *Legal Aid: Help with Your Legal Problems*)

Updated and renamed 2004 (all languages)

Legal Aid: Legal Information and Advice Services

This brochure sets out the legal information and advice services provided by the Legal Services Society and how to access them.

Brochure
Legal Services Society
New 2004
Free
Available in Chinese, English, Farsi (Persian), French, Punjabi, Spanish, and Vietnamese

Legal Aid: We Can Give You Legal Help

This booklet describes the legal aid services available to people with low incomes and describes how legal aid can resolve common legal problems. Legal aid may provide legal advice, give legal information, and/or pay for a lawyer to represent an applicant, depending on his or her situation and income.

Legal Aid: We Can Give You Legal Help sets out who might be eligible for a legal aid lawyer to represent them (and how and where to apply) and describes the kind of legal advice and information services that legal aid provides. The booklet also gives examples of common family, criminal, immigration, and poverty law problems and how legal aid has helped resolve them. These examples are based on actual circumstances clients often face, but the details are fictional. The booklet also contains a list of telephone numbers of all offices that take legal aid applications across British Columbia.

Booklet, 12 pages
Legal Services Society
New 2004
Free
Available in English and French
French version available only online at: www.lss.bc.ca/pubs_bySubject/legal_aid.asp

What You Should Expect from Your Legal Aid Lawyer

What You Should Expect from Your Legal Aid Lawyer is a fact sheet for people whose applications for a lawyer to represent them have been accepted. It sets out in general terms what the legal aid lawyer should do for the client. The lawyer's responsibilities are set out in 12 points and include such things as when and how often the lawyer should contact the client and what he or she is obliged to inform the client about. The fact sheet also sets out what to do if the client is unhappy with the results of a case or with the legal aid lawyer.

Fact sheet, 1 – 2 pages
Legal Services Society
New 2004
Free
Available in Chinese, English, Farsi (Persian), French, Punjabi, Spanish, and Vietnamese

Resource Materials

Note: The Legal Services Society online guide *Basic Guide to Legal Research on the Internet*, listed in the 2003/2004 catalogue as “Coming soon,” is not available. See the LawLINK website instead.

LawLINK

LawLINK is the Legal Services Society’s new legal information website for British Columbians at www.lawlink.bc.ca. People in BC and their intermediaries can use LawLINK to find reliable legal information resources on the Internet. To make LawLINK readily available, LSS has set up free public access computers in all LSS regional centres and a variety of other locations throughout BC. A list of these locations appears on the LawLINK website.

Website
Legal Services Society
New 2004
Free

Law Students’ Legal Advice Program Manual

Updated 2004

Research Guides — Various Topics

Locating Lawyers

New 2003

Seniors’ Rights

Benefits and Services for Seniors

Updated 2004 (English)

When I’m 64: A Guide to Benefits and Services for People Aged 60 and Over

Booklet, 99 pages
Updated 2005

Welfare

Our Welfare, Our Laws

Our Welfare, Our Laws explains the key policies and laws about welfare in BC, and the rights and responsibilities of people who receive assistance. Through the stories of eight fictional characters, the video describes in detail how to apply for welfare from the Ministry of Human Resources (MHR), what to do to keep receiving benefits, and how to appeal if MHR makes a decision that is unfair.

Our Welfare, Our Laws, produced by the North Island Advocacy Coalition Society and funded by LSS, is designed to help viewers understand what it is like to apply for and be on welfare. It demonstrates how advocates can help people appeal a decision by MHR and provides a good sense of what people will experience in an appeal tribunal hearing. This video complements LSS publications on welfare, including *Your Welfare Rights* and the *Welfare Fact Sheets*.

Video, 66 minutes
Legal Services Society
New 2004
Single copies free

Our Welfare, Our Rights: The Welfare Appeal Process ← listed in the catalogue as *Appealing Decisions of the Ministry of Human Resources.*

Video, 29 minutes

New 2005

Single copies free

Welfare Fact Sheets (English only)

1. *Applying for Welfare*
2. *Welfare Benefits*
3. *Welfare and Time Limits*
4. *Welfare and Exemptions*
5. *Welfare and Disability Benefits: PWD (Persons with Disabilities)*
6. *Welfare and Families*
7. *Welfare and Health Benefits*
- 8a. *Welfare and Appeals: Step 1*
- 8b. *Welfare and Appeals: Step 2*

Updated 2004 (fact sheets 1 – 4 and 6 – 8b); updated 2005 (fact sheet 5)

Available only online at: www.lss.bc.ca/pubs_byTitle/pubs_w.asp

Welfare Fact Sheets (in languages other than English)

- A. *Qualifying for Regular Welfare*
- B. *Applying for Welfare*
- C. *Regular Welfare and Other Benefits*
- D. *Rights and Responsibilities of People on Welfare*

Updated 2004 (all languages)

Your Welfare Rights

Booklet, 113 pages

Updated 2005

Wills/Estates/Adult Guardianship/Power of Attorney/ Representation Agreements

Note: The People's Law School publications *Adult Guardianship* and *Guide to Giving*, listed in the 2003/2004 catalogue as "Coming soon," are not available.

Adult Guardianship/Power of Attorney/Representation Agreements/Wills and Estate — Dial-A-Law Tapes and Scripts

Power of attorney or representation agreements

180 *Power of Attorney and Representation Agreements* * †

Wills and estates

178 *Your Duties as Executor* †

176 *Making a Will and Estate Planning* †

Note: Tape 175 *Why Make a Will?* no longer exists.

Updated 2004

* Tapes and script available in Punjabi

† Tapes and scripts available in Mandarin