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### **Unified Family Court Background and Discussion Paper #1**

#### **1. Introduction**

The objective of the Justice Review Task Force is to identify a wide range of reform ideas and initiatives that may help to make the justice system more responsive, accessible and cost effective. To this end, the Task Force provides a forum for its participants to exchange information, engage in mutual consultation respecting proposed administrative, procedural or program changes, and coordinate initiatives where appropriate.

The Task Force has recently published a list of potential justice system reforms that may be worthy of further exploration. From that list the Task Force has begun to identify projects which it wishes to explore as a matter of priority. The first such possibility to be explored is Unified Family Court.

What follows is a background and discussion paper on the topic of Unified Family Court. The paper has the following purposes:

- to serve as a general orientation to the topic of Unified Family Court;
- to identify issues requiring consideration; and
- to begin to collect the information necessary to weigh the merits of having a Unified Family Court in British Columbia.

This paper is both preliminary and exploratory in nature. The decision to explore this particular option does not mean that the idea of Unified Family Court is necessarily endorsed by one or all of the participants of the Task Force.

All interested parties are invited to review this paper and forward comments to the Justice Review Task Force at [www.bcjusticereview.org/](http://www.bcjusticereview.org/) by December 1, 2002. Views relating to any matters raised or comments respecting the viability of the Unified Family Court concept for British Columbia are sought and welcomed.

- **[Unified Family Court:  
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We welcome your thoughts and suggestions by December 1, 2002. Please forward written comments to:

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