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Consular District of Vancouver

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The Vancouver Consular District, which has an area of approximately 573,331 square miles, comprises British Columbia and Yukon. All attorneys in British Columbia and Yukon, who are known as barristers and solicitors, are also notaries public.

Credit reports may be obtained through banks or commercial reporting agencies.

The dialing codes for British Columbia are (604), (778) and (250), and for Yukon is (867).

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Attorneys & Law Firms

NANAIMO:

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Insurance, Commercial/Business,
Agreements, Civil, Damages, Collections,
Aeronautical/Maritime, Estates, Auto
Accidents

VANCOUVER:

Mark R. Epstein
Epstein Law Corporation
1900 – 1177 W. Hastings Street
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Family, Child Custody, Child Protection,
Insurance, Commercial/Business, Marketing
Agreements, Civil Law, Damages, Collections,
Contracts, Corporations, Foreign Claims,
Auto/Accidents, Parental Child Abduction,
Marriage/Divorce, Foreign Investments,
Transportation Law, Estates, Government
Relations

Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP
2500 – 700 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, BC V7Y 1B3
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Family, Contracts, Corporations, Taxes,
Banking/Financial, Foreign Investments,
Estates, Immigration

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Criminal Law

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Boughton Law Corporation
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Immigration Law

Fax: 604-683-5317
Email: bhardwood@boughton.ca
Web: www.boughton.ca

Turko & Company
101-141 Water Street, Gastown
Vancouver, BC V6B1A7
Tel: 604-801-6880
Toll Free: 1-888-983-8088
Fax: 604-801-6883
Email: dmturko@telus.net
Web: www.turkoandcompany.com

Criminal Law

Ronald A. Zisman
Preshaw & Zisman
17th Floor, 808 Nelson Street, Box 12148
Vancouver, BC V7Y 1K1
Tel: 604-689-8472
Fax: 604-683-3441
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Immigration Law (Canadian & U.S.)

VERNON:

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#301 – 2706 30th Avenue
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Commercial/Business, Marketing Agreements,
Contracts, Corporations, Banking/Financial,
Estates, Immigration

Kent Burnham
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Family, Child Custody, Child Protection,
Insurance, Civil, Damages, Collections,
Foreign Claims, Labor Insurance,
Commercial/Business Law, Damages,
Collections, Contracts, Labor Relations,
Auto/Accidents, Estates

VICTORIA

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Family Law, Child Custody, Child Protection,
Commercial/Business, Marketing/Agreements,
Damages, Corporations, Auto/Accidents,
Adoptions, Parental Child Abduction,
Marriage/Divorce, Banking/Financial, Estates,
Immigration

WHISTLER

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Criminal Law

LEGAL RESOURCES

Lawyer Referral Services

British Columbia

The Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) is funded by the Law Foundation of British Columbia and operated by the Canadian Bar Association British Columbia Branch. The LRS program enables the public to access lawyers practicing in the field of law required for the particular situation and provides the opportunity to have a consultation with a lawyer for up to 30 minutes for a fee of \$25 plus tax.

Please call during business hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday – Friday, at (604)687-3221 or 1-800-663-1919. Once the area of law is determined the operator will provide you with the name and telephone number of a lawyer in your geographical area

Yukon

This service is operated by The Law Society of Yukon for members of the public. It is to help you determine if you have a legal problem for which you need the services of a lawyer. The cost for this consultation is \$30.00 (including GST) and is payable to the lawyer at the consultation.

To obtain the referral from The Law Society of Yukon call (867) 668-4231. If you are calling from outside Whitehorse, you can call collect.

Legal Aid

British Columbia

In British Columbia, the legal aid program is run by the Legal Services Society – an independent, non-profit organization that provides legal help for people in British Columbia. If you have a legal problem but cannot afford a lawyer, you may qualify for legal aid.

For more information contact:

The Legal Services Society:
604-408-2172 (Lower Mainland)
1-866-577-2525 (toll free, outside the Lower Mainland)
www.lss.bc.ca

Yukon

To apply for legal aid assistance, contact Yukon Legal Services Society's Administration Office to schedule an appointment for an interview with an Intake Coordinator.

Yukon Legal Services Society
Administration Office
Suite 203, 2131 Second Avenue
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1C3

Phone: (867) 667-5210
Toll Free: 1-800-661-0408 ext 5210
Fax: (867) 667-8649
Email: administration@legalaid.yk.ca

Court Services

British Columbia

Court Services Branch (CSB) is responsible for the delivery of all court administration and security services in British Columbia. The branch provides service to the three levels of court.

Court locations can be found online at:

<http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/courts/overview/locations/index.htm>

Or by telephone by calling Enquiry BC:

Toll Free: 1-800-663-7867
Vancouver: (604)660-2421
Victoria: (250)3874965

Yukon

Court Services provides facilities for the courts, as well as administrative and support services to the judiciary and other participants in the Yukon court system.

Physical Address:
Andrew A. Philipsen Law Centre, 1st Floor
2134 Second Avenue
Whitehorse, Yukon

Mailing Address:
Department of Justice
Court Services (J-3)
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Phone: (867)667-5441
Toll Free (Yukon only) 1-800-661-0408, local 5441
Fax: (867)393-6212
Email: courtservices@gov.yk.ca

Notary Public

British Columbia

Society of Notaries of British Columbia
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Fax: (604)681-7258
Toll-Free (800)663-0343

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<http://vancouver.usconsulate.gov>

Better Business Bureau

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