LIST OF ATTORNEYS & LEGAL RESOURCES
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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Criminal Law

Immigration Law (Canadian & U.S.)

Commercial/Business, Marketing Agreements, Contracts, Corporations, Banking/Financial, Estates, Immigration

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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  
Fax: (867) 667-8649  
Email: administration@legalaid.yk.ca

**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  
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Notary Public

British Columbia

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