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Related Practices

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FAMILY

The dedicated family law lawyers at RBS understand that the dissolution of a relationship can be a very stressful time for an individual and their family. Similarly, the firm recognizes the uncertainty that clients face when entering new family relationships. The Family Law Group assists clients with understanding the potential financial impact of such events and how best to protect their financial circumstances.

Through negotiation, alternative dispute resolution processes or, where necessary, litigation, the firm's lawyers and knowledgeable staff assist clients with achieving favourable and cost-effective solutions. The firm believes in preserving relationships as much as possible while working to achieve a satisfactory outcome. RBS also services the needs of each Family Law Group client through its other practice groups.

The firm's lawyers have experience in resolving disputes that range from simple issues to complex matters and recognize that each client's circumstances are unique, no matter the spouse's gender.

The Family Law Group provides a full range of services including:

- Cohabitation agreements
- Marriage agreements
- Separation agreements
- Divorce
- Common law relationships
- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Custody arrangements
- Parenting time
- Division of assets
- Spousal and child support
- Interim relief orders
- Asset freeze
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The Family Law Group regularly assists clients with advice and representation in court proceedings or through negotiated settlements. The firm's lawyers help clients who are facing the breakdown of a marriage or common law relationship to understand their options and plan for the best possible outcome. Whether you are currently living with an individual or planning to merge households, the firm can establish the necessary agreements to protect everyone involved.

The firm's lawyers use their extensive expertise, together with their strategic acumen, to specifically tailor the manner in which they approach a file to best meet each client's needs, circumstances and expectations. They also ensure that there is clear communication with clients as matters proceed.

The lawyers at RBS are widely respected and highly regarded by their peers in the local legal community, and are recognized nationally. In 2006, the Supreme Court of Canada appointed Colin Millar, Q.Arb. as *amicus curiae* ("friend of the court") to provide the Court with an independent review of the issues in a complex family law case.

What you can expect from RBS

RBS is British Columbia's oldest law firm. It has been providing legal services to the community for more than 145 years. During this time, the firm has maintained an active Family Law Group, experienced in various dispute resolution formats and complex court litigation.

The Family Law Group takes the time to understand each client's situation and desired results. If needed, RBS' lawyers will work closely with your investment or financial advisor, and review any insurance matters that might be of concern. The firm's intent is to make this lifestyle transition as smooth as possible for you and your family and to help preserve existing relationships. In addition, RBS takes great care to ensure that client information remains strictly confidential.

The Family Law Group's lawyers would be happy to discuss how they can assist you.