## **Welcome to Brown Henderson Melbye**

In order for you to make the most of your time with the lawyer and to go away feeling fully informed, we suggest that you take a few minutes to put the following information together. If you need more space, feel free to use additional paper. You may skip any questions that are not relevant to your situation.

It is important that you bring <u>any court documents or agreements</u> related to your family law matter. This includes any documents you have filed with the court and documents the other party has served on you.

ABOUT YOU	
Full name, include aliases and all previous names	
How did you hear about us?	
Address (Home)	
Address (Work)	
Phone number (Home)  OK to leave messages? Y \( \sqrt{N} \)	
Phone number (Work)  OK to leave messages? Y \( \sqrt{N} \)	
Phone number (Cell)  OK to leave messages? Y \( \sqrt{N} \) \( \sqrt{N} \)	
Email address (Home)  OK to leave messages? Y \( \sqrt{N} \)	
Email address (Work)  OK to leave messages? Y \( \D \) \( \D \)	
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Date you started living in BC	

ABOUT YOU			
Date you started living together			
Date of marriage, if applicable			
Place of marriage, if applicable			
Do you have original government issued certificate of marriage?			
Marital status before marriage?	□ Never Married	□ Divorced	□ Widowed
Date of separation			
Name of employer			
Occupation			
Annual income from all sources			
Do you have a disability or a medical condition? If yes, provide details			
Any written agreement or court order between you and your spouse?			
Any written agreement or court order between you and any previous spouses or concerning any other children you have?			
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ABOUT YOUR SPOUSE			
Full name, include aliases and all previous names			
Address (Home)			
Address (Work)			
Phone number (Home)			
Phone number (Work)			
Phone number (Cell)			

ABOUT YOUR SPOUSE			
Email address (Home)			
Email address (Work)			
Date of birth			
Place of birth			
Date spouse started living in BC			
Marital status of spouse before marriage?	□ Never Married	□ Divorced	□ Widowed
Name of employer			
Occupation of spouse			
Annual income from all sources			
Does spouse have a disability or a medical condition? If yes, provide details			
ABOUT THE CHILDREN / STEP CHILDR SEE LAST PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL CHI			
Full name			
Address (if different from parent)			
Date and place of birth			
Date child started living in BC			
Does child have any disability or medical condition? If yes, provide details			
Is child financially independent?			
Is child the beneficiary of a Trust? If yes, provide details			
For additional children see last page			

CURRENT ASSETS AND DEBTS				
ABOUT YOUR ASSETS AND DEBTS LIST ALL AND NOTE IN WHOSE NAME THE ASSET OR DEBT IS HELD				
Land (civic addresses and estimated values)				
Bank accounts (Include name of financial institution, nature of account, approximate balance)				
Investments (include estimated values and institution in which investments are held)				
Pensions, RRSPs and RESPs, TFSAs (include estimated values and institution)				

CURRENT ASSETS AND DEBTS				
ABOUT YOUR ASSETS AND DEBTS LIST ALL AND NOTE IN WHOSE NAME THE ASSET OR DEBT IS HELD				
Other assets (include full details and estimated values)	Vehicles: Frequent Flyer Points Plan (Air Miles, etc): Other:			
Debts (include creditor, amount and name of debtors)				
Mortgages (include current balances and institution; identify which property mortgages are associated with)				
Any assets disposed of in the last 2 years (include estimated values)				
Any insurance coverage in place (include company, beneficiary, death benefits and cash surrender value)				

AND DEBTS
WHOSE NAME THE ASSET OR DEBT IS HELD

LIST ALL ASSETS AND DEBTS AT START OF COHABITATION, AND INDICATE IN WHOSE NAME THE ASSET OR DEBT WAS HELD			
List any property/debts you had when you started cohabiting			
List any property/debts your spouse had when you started cohabiting			

HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE RECEIVED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DURING YOUR RELATIONSHIP?				
	Yes (if yes provide details including date received)	No	Do not know	
Inheritance or gift				
Settlement Awards for injury or loss				
Money paid under an insurance policy for lost income or loss to both spouses				

HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE RECEIVED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DURING YOUR RELATIONSHIP?				
	Yes (if yes provide details including date received)	No	Do not know	
Trust Property				

## **DOCUMENTS**

The following is a general list of documents that you may wish to start to gather together for your first meeting with a lawyer. The lawyer will help to determine which documents are relevant and may request you provide additional documents.

It is helpful if you bring the original and one photocopy of the documents. It is more costeffective and efficient for you to do the photocopying on your own. All documents produced to this office will be returned to you at the end of your case.

In addition to the documents listed below, it is important that you bring copies of <u>any court</u> <u>documents or agreements</u> related to your family law matter with you to your first meeting with a lawyer.

- Last three years' income tax returns
- Last three years' corporate tax returns (if applicable)
- Last three years' Financial Statements (corporate or proprietor if applicable)
- Last three years' property tax assessments for any real property
- Any valuations done on businesses
- Current pay stubs or proof of income
- Bank account statements, bonds, GICs
- RRSP, RESP and investment portfolios, etc.
- Pension plan statements, superannuation, Canada Pension Plan benefits, disability pension income
- List of large household items and furnishings
- Appraisals done by a licensed appraiser or realtor assessment on real property
- Conveyance documents for any real property (land) recently acquired or sold
- List of any automobiles, recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, etc. together with any valuations for same
- Copy (face page only) of life insurance policies
- Copy of any mortgages, lines of credit, charge cards, Promissory Notes
- Certificate of Marriage as issued by Vital Statistics or other government agency (this is not the church certificate). Required if proceeding into court for a final Divorce.
- Photograph of your spouse for service purposes (please note this picture will not be returned to you)

Please provide the following information, if relevant:

## **CONFIDENTIAL CONCERNS**

List any concerns that you wish the lawyer to know about but that will not necessarily be disclosed, for example: alcohol abuse of either party, psychological problems of either party, etc.
RECONCILIATION AND COUNSELLING ATTEMPTS
MOST URGENT CONCERNS
My most pressing concerns are (list questions or topics for discussion)

## **FAMILY VIOLENCE CONCERNS**

Are you comfortable meeting with the other party in the same room? Y $\square$ N $\square$
If no, what is your concern:
Have the police ever been involved with your family? Y □ N □
If yes, please specify:
Do you have a safety plan? Y □ N □
If yes, please specify:

ADDITIONAL CHILDREN				
	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	
Full name				
Address (if different from parent)				
Date and place of birth				
Date child started living in BC				
Does child have any disability or medical condition?				
If yes, provide details				
Is child financially independent?				
Is child the beneficiary of a Trust?				
If yes, provide details				