



# You Need Professional Help

## eBC Guide to Finding a Lawyer and an Accountant

### ***Finding a Lawyer***

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There are many ways to find a lawyer. A good place to start is by asking business associates, other professionals such as your accountant, and friends for a recommendation.

Lawyers do not specialize in a particular field such as doctors but many restrict their practices to specific areas of law. It is a good idea to find a lawyer that has experience with clients in your industry.

Another option is the Lawyer Referral Service run by the BC Branch of the Canadian Bar Association. This service will give you the name of a lawyer near you who has requested referrals. You can arrange a half-hour interview for \$25 plus tax. Call (604) 687-3221 or 1-800-663-1919. More information is also available on the BC Branch website at <http://www.cba.org/bc>.

**Referral Service:** [http://www.cba.org/BC/Public\\_Media/main/lawyer\\_referral.aspx](http://www.cba.org/BC/Public_Media/main/lawyer_referral.aspx)

### ***Finding an Accountant***

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Just like finding a lawyer, one way to find an account is by asking for recommendations from sources such as friends, associates and professionals.

Another way is to use the Certified General Accountants Association of BC (CGA-BC) Public Practice Referral Service. This service is designed to help the public find qualified public practitioners. Commercial use of this list is prohibited.

**Referral Service:** <https://www2.cga-bc.org/members/findacga/index.shtml>

All results provided are Certified General Accountants who are registered in Public Practice in the Province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, and have requested to be included in this referral service. Please note that those members identified as "P" are part-time public practitioners and may not be available during regular business hours.

For personal service in selecting a Certified General Accountant, please contact Anita Fortune, Coordinator, Public Practice Advisory Services, at CGA-BC in Vancouver at (604) 732-1211 or toll free (800) 565-1211 ext 350.

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