

## **GENERAL CIVIL LITIGATION**

### **1. COLLECTIONS**

Contact the lawyers at Mountain Law Corporation for any collection problems you have, whether in your personal life or in your business.

### **2. B.C.'s COURT SYSTEM**

This brief discussion looks only at the civil litigation system in B.C. and not at the criminal law aspects.

There are three different courts where a claim may be commenced in B.C.

**Small Claims Court** ([www.smallclaimsbcc.ca](http://www.smallclaimsbcc.ca)) involves most matters of up to \$35,000.00 and is very lay-person oriented, with lawyers increasingly rare to see.

**The Federal Court (Trial Division)** ([www.fct-cf.gc.ca](http://www.fct-cf.gc.ca)) is administered by the Canadian government and is where tax, trademarks/patents and admiralty (shipping) claims originate.

**The Supreme Court** ([www.supremecourtbc.ca](http://www.supremecourtbc.ca)) has no monetary limit and can hear all claims over \$35,000.00 other than those designated for Federal Court or where specific laws require tribunals to be the decision making venue.

Commencing legal action has strict timelines, depending on the type of claim and the law involved. There are also precise rules about when to respond to legal actions.

Be sure to contact one of the lawyers at Mountain Law Corporation if you are involved in a law-suit, even if it is just general legal guidance which is needed.