

Types of court sessions in the Provincial Court of British Columbia

Assignment Court: Parties involved in trials or hearings set for ½ day or longer first report to a single courtroom on their trial date. A Judicial Case Manager ensures they are ready for trial before assigning them to a trial judge and courtroom.

Dispositions: Where a person accused of an offence appears before a judge to enter a guilty plea and/or be sentenced.

Long Dispositions: Where a person accused of an offence appears before a judge to be sentenced and the hearing is estimated to take longer than 30 minutes.

JCM Court: Where a person accused of an offence appears before a Judicial Case Manager for initial or other short appearances or for arraignment (when a trial date may be set).

Mixed Lists – Trials: Trials or hearings in criminal, family, and small claims matters.

Remand: Where a person accused of an offence makes a brief appearance before a judge for non-trial matters, including bail hearings, applications, and sentencings.

Remand (bail hearings): Where a person accused of an offence appears before a judge for a bail hearing.

(Family) Remand: Where the parties on a family court case make a brief appearance before a judge. Includes first appearances on an Application or Motion, consent orders, arranging court dates for Family Case Conferences and trials, and may include very short hearings on Motions or Applications.

(Youth) Remand & Subsequent Appearances: Where a youth accused of an offence makes a brief appearance before a judge for non-trial matters, including bail hearings, applications, and dispositions.

Small Claims Chamber Applications: Where parties on Small Claims matters appear before a judge in a courtroom for very brief hearings on Applications.

Summary Proceedings Court: Trials or hearings generally set for less than half a day.