



# Family Law

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You are not alone! In Ontario, at least 65% of Family Court litigants are self represented, and the majority say that they would use a lawyer if they could afford one. I have good news for you- a new trend is sweeping through Family Law, and it is called limited scope legal services, or simply, unbundling.

Unbundling means that you get to pick and choose what you want to pay the lawyer to do, and you do the rest, much like picking from an à la carte menu. What can you get on an unbundled basis?

- Consultation
- Independent legal advice
- Ghostwriting of court pleadings
- Attending at Court as your agent
- Coaching for your court appearance
- Counseling on mediation discussions

Why is unbundling a good idea? Not just about saving money, timely strategic legal representation can head off the following problems: litigation that drags on and on without settlement, a separation agreement which you and your spouse like but which will not be enforced by the Court, and a power imbalance between you and your spouse.

Many family lawyers believe that unbundled services provide a win-win scenario: the lawyer gets paid for doing specific tasks, and more importantly, the client chooses what tasks they want to pay for.

If this appeals to you, call your local family law lawyer today, and ask about unbundled services.

Your friends at Shank Law.



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I make too much to qualify for Legal Aid, but I cannot afford a lawyer. My ex has taken me back to Court-help!



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