



Divorce and Child Support Rule 72 and Rule 81

Which Rule of Court Applies to you?



In New Brunswick, how you apply for a divorce or change child support depends on where you live. New Brunswick courts are divided into 8 areas called Judicial Districts. The Moncton and Saint John districts follow Rule 81, and all other districts follow Rule 72 of Rules of Court.

To find out which Rule applies to your family law case, find your Judicial District and county below:

Rule 81

Rule 81 – Moncton and Saint John

Rule 81, also called the **Case Management Model**, is used in the Moncton and Saint John districts. This includes the following counties:

Moncton Judicial Districts

- Albert County
- Kent County
- Westmorland County

Saint John Judicial Districts

- Charlotte County
- Kings County
- Saint John County

Rule 72

Rule 72 – All Other Judicial Districts

Rule 72 is used in all districts of New Brunswick except for Moncton and Saint John. This includes the following judicial districts and their counties:

Bathurst Judicial Districts

- Gloucester County

Edmundston Judicial Districts

- Madawaska County
- The Parish of Drummond
- Town of Grand Falls

Miramichi Judicial Districts

- Northumberland County

Campbellton Judicial Districts

- Restigouche County

Fredericton Judicial Districts

- Queens County
- Sunbury County
- York County


Woodstock Judicial Districts

- Carleton County
- Victoria County (excluding Parish of Drummond and Town of Grand Falls)

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