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**THE LEGAL SYSTEM  
~ AN UNCERTAIN ENVIRONMENT ~**

Introduction: I have written this report based on questions often asked of me while in private law practice in British Columbia and Alberta, Canada, since 1975. Although my first hand experience is limited to those jurisdictions, wherever possible I have written in non-legal terms and with general principles in mind.

Sometimes in the simplest of legal situations, and certainly in the most complex and problematic legal situations, people feel high levels of anxiety, worry and uncertainty about outcome, costs, and how long the process will take.

It is a common misconception that getting assistance from the legal system will remove those feelings.

The truth is - it will not. Rather, the anxiety, worry and uncertainty will persist.

The most that the legal system can do is to advance your cause and objective as best as the law will allow, but in so doing, the anxiety, worry and uncertainties remain.

Certainly it would be more pleasant for all concerned if it were otherwise, but it is not.

The limitations of the legal system exist because there are often many people involved, many unknowns, many things that cannot be predicted, and, over all, because no one in the legal system has full control of the situation. In some respects, this is simply a manifestation of a life truism: no one can control everything. The legal system is no different.

*You wouldn't expect to read anything "legal" without some kind of caution - so here it is: This report is general information only and not to be relied upon without legal advice. For legal advice, call us.*

I hope this helped answer your questions.

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