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Family lawyer Andrew Feldstein launches 'unbundling' website



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Canadians have a common complaint about their legal system: it costs too much money to hire a lawyer.

Some judges have publicly grumbled that this results in too many unrepresented litigants showing up in court to argue cases. Family court might be the biggest problem. One estimate has it that 80% of cases in family court involve unrepresented litigants.

The legal profession isn't ignoring the problem. Access to justice is a major focus of the [Futures Initiative](#) that the Canadian Bar Association has on the go. Google it and you'll see what I mean.

Meanwhile, other things on the access-to-justice front crop up every now and then and catch my eye. One of these is the concept of "unbundling," which is where lay people take a shot at doing as much of a case on their own as they can. When they have to, they turn to a lawyer for a specific but limited task, such as the drafting of a crucial document.

Andrew Feldstein, a Toronto-area family lawyer, has put together a website called [FamilyLawHelp.ca](#), which takes you through a lot of the basic stuff you would need to know for a do-it-yourself divorce. If you visit, click on "Get Educated" and you'll see how it can take you through several basic family law matters.

"I strongly believe in improving access to justice in Canada. FamilyLawHelp.ca is intended to be a straight-forward resource for Self-Represented Litigants," Mr. Feldstein says.

True, there's a marketing element to this. Mr. Feldstein's contact info is never too far away from anyone using the site. But I also know that Mr. Feldstein has been writing and talking about access to justice in the family law sphere for quite a while. This is a logical extension of that work.

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