

## Employment, tax, tenancy and social law, consumer protection

Chamber of Labour 050 258 1200

## Family law

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Consultation with lawyer Dr Katja Matt\*

## District courts

Every Tuesday

Bregenz	8.30 am – 10.30 am*	05 76014 3450
Dornbirn	8.30 am – 10.30 am*	05 76014 3486
Feldkirch	8.00 am – 12.00 pm	05 76014 343
Bludenz	8.00 am – 12.00 pm	05 76014 3483

## Selected female lawyers

Women can request a consultation voucher from the “Referat für Frauen und Gleichstellung” (Department for Women and Equality) of the Vorarlberg provincial government for 45 minutes of legal advice on a matter of family law with any of the lawyers listed below for a fee of €20.00.

1. Order a voucher from the Department for Women and Equality and arrange an appointment with one of the lawyers listed.
2. Bring the voucher and €20.00 to the appointment in the lawyer’s office.

Department for Women and Equality 05574 511 24112

Bregenz: Dr Ursula Leissing 05574 46250  
Dr Anita Einsle 05574 54447

Dornbirn: Dr Birgitt Breinbauer 05572 28580

Feldkirch: Dr Angelika Lener 05522 77297  
Dr Andrea Höfle-Stenech, LL.M. 05522 78000

Bludenz: Dr Eva Schneider 05552 62091

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### femail FrauenInformationszentrum Vorarlberg

Marktgasse 6, 6800 Feldkirch, Austria

Opening times:

Mon – Thurs 09:00 am – 12:00 pm

Tue 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

### Lustenau branch [Außenstelle Lustenau]

c/o Kindergarten Rheindorf

Neudorfstr. 7, 6890 Lustenau, Austria

Opening times:

Thurs 08:00 am – 1:00 pm

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### Advice provided by native Turkish speakers:

Tue, Thurs 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Mobile +43 664 35 60 603

**Outside of opening hours:** Consultation appointments by arrangement. If required and with advance notification, an interpreter can be provided.

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# WOMEN & THE LAW

Legal advice for women in Vorarlberg

gleichstellung fördern  
frauen und männer Vorarlberg

 Bundeskanzleramt

Bundesministerin für Frauen, Familien und Jugend

Situations sometimes arise in life in which it is important to be in possession of the legal facts of a matter. In some instances, legal representation might even be needed to deal with the issue.

An initial consultation is useful for providing information on which a decision can be made regarding how to proceed. The sole purpose of these initial consultations is to gather information. Costs are incurred once a lawyer takes any action on your behalf (makes telephone calls, prepares a written pleading, examines a contract etc.). A clear list of where and from whom you can obtain free or affordable advice has been provided here.

## All legal matters

### Practicing lawyers

Bar association 05522 71122

Approximately 15 minutes of free initial legal advice.  
List of lawyers: [www.rechtsanwaelte-vorarlberg.at](http://www.rechtsanwaelte-vorarlberg.at)

### Local communities

Local communities offer consultation days for legal advice. Notices of when they will take place can be found in your community newsletters or on your community's website.

### Public consultation days at district courts

Every Tuesday from 08:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Free legal advice and submittal of motions (verbally or in writing)

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Bludenz 05 76014 3483

**Turkish General Consulate** 05574 420830

## Tips and information

### Legal aid

Should you have limited or no income, you have the option of applying for legal aid. Ensure that you make your application for legal aid in good time!

The court will decide whether representation by a lawyer is appropriate.

Legal aid can be applied for to cover all costs or on a tiered basis, for example only to cover the costs of a court case or legal representation. If you are applying for legal aid, make sure that you have representation before the start of court proceedings.

If granted, a lawyer will be assigned to you by the bar association.

### Legal expenses insurance

The offerings and conditions of individual insurers vary greatly. Ask for precise details from the insurer about which legal fields are covered and to what extent. Take note of waiting periods before an insurance cover takes effect.

### Mediation

In the course of a separation or divorce, mediation is one way of seeking expert advice while working out a solution.

The costs and addresses of providers of such mediation can be found at: <https://mediatoren.justiz.gv.at>

### How can I acquire the services of a lawyer?

- Index of lawyers of the Vorarlberg Bar Association: [www.rechtsanwaelte-vorarlberg.at](http://www.rechtsanwaelte-vorarlberg.at)
- Brochure of the Austrian Bar Association: "Simplicity itself. The best tips, the most common questions, the most important addresses."

### Lawyer's fees

For more extensive legal advice, the fee is calculated based either on an hourly rate (approx. €300 - €500 net) or the value in dispute.

Discuss and agree on the costs before a consultation or before engaging the lawyer and set them down in writing!

You can also set your own personal limit and advise your lawyer in advance that you do not want any services above that threshold.

### The first consultation

Always be sure to take the following documents with you to the consultation with your lawyer if the matter is one of family law: proprietary documents such as savings books, securities, credit agreements, wage details of both parties, insurance contracts.

Prepare for the conversation and consider which questions you want answered first and foremost.

It is helpful to have somebody else present at the consultation who can take notes without being involved in the conversation.

\*by prior arrangement