

In September 2010, the Department of Justice and Public Safety first introduced the “case management model” in Saint John to streamline court processes in certain family law cases. Any region in New Brunswick with a Family Division case management model must use many specific family law forms set out under **Rule 81**. These forms differ from those in jurisdictions where the case management model has not been implemented. Under **Rule 81**, you must start most family law matters, including a divorce proceeding, using an **Application (Form 81A)**. Nevertheless, you may still find the guide to “**Doing Your Own Divorce in New Brunswick**” very helpful when completing the Trial Record. Although you cannot use form **72A (Petition for Divorce)** or **Form 72B (Joint Petition for Divorce)**, most other steps, forms and documents related to a divorce proceeding that are set out in the guide are the same for judicial districts operating under the case management model as for those jurisdictions who are not.