# Tariff of Fees for Criminal Matters Effective for referrals after October 1, 1989



Legal Services Society
of British Columbia

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#### PREFACE TO 1989 CRIMINAL TARIFF

#### 1. Background:

This tariff is a result of extensive discussions between representatives of the Bar (appointed by the Canadian Bar Association, B.C. Branch) and the Legal Services Society. Its final form and structure were suggested by Bar representatives, although the Legal Services Society and Bar representatives were jointly involved in the detailed drafting.

The agreed intention was to produce a better tariff which reflects increases over the previous tariff of 25% (October 1, 1987), 10% (October 1, 1988), and 5% (October 1, 1989). Because the cost of a new tariff is uncertain until it has been in place for some time, the Legal Services Society and Bar representatives have agreed to review the overall cost of the new tariff on a regular basis after it is implemented.

Should the new tariff cost less than intended, the tariff will be adjusted upward to return any savings and to pay more on a continuing basis for services that counsel perform. Should the new tariff cost more than intended, the tariff will be adjusted downward in a similar manner. Details of any adjustments that must occur will be agreed upon by the Legal Services Society and Bar representatives.

#### 2. Structure:

The new tariff is a simplified block tariff with fewer types of distinctions. It contains relative increases in fees for guilty pleas, sentencing, subsequent half-days of hearing, appeals, and most serious offences.

#### 3. Discretionary Fees:

As a result of this restructured tariff and the tariff increases extra fees will rarely be granted, and should be requested only in exceptional circumstances.

#### 4. Use of Tariff:

The tariff has two parts: a basic tariff text and a set of "Notes". The text is considerably shorter than the previous tariff, which facilitates quick reference. The Notes define and give detailed instructions about terms that are in bold and underlined in the tariff text. They are arranged alphabetically.

Tariff items should only be billed after reference to relevant parts of the Notes.

#### 5. Billing Forms:

A new version of the criminal referral form has been designed for use with this tariff. The major change is that Information numbers must now be provided for accounts to be processed, because fees may depend on how many (separate) Informations are involved. There are several other smaller changes which will become apparent as counsel bill.

#### 6. Tariff Book Content:

This book contains the criminal and disbursement tariffs as well as criminal referral form completion instructions. It does not include the family tariff. Do not discard the previous booklet until you have billed all criminal referrals assigned to you before the new tariff came into effect.

# 7. Continuing Consultation and Complaint Procedures:

The Legal Services Society and Bar representatives expect that changes to the tariff will be agreed upon from time to time in an effort to make it fairer and easier to use. Comments on the tariff structure or detail should be directed to the CBA/LSS Tariff Committee, c/o Legal Services Society, 300-1140 West Pender, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4G1.

#### INTRODUCTION

Instructions on referral forms appear at the back of this booklet. Careful entry of charge codes, tariff item numbers and other items on the form will expedite the processing and payment of bills, so it is a good investment of time to refer to the instructions the first few times you use referral forms.

# A. GENERAL INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY AND LEGAL AID COVERAGE

#### 1. Financial Eligibility

Before clients are referred to lawyers, the clients must demonstrate to the Society, through an eligibility test, that they are financially eligible for assistance. The Society is quite prepared to review its decision at any time.

Where counsel consider that clients may be able to pay some or all fees, or should no longer be receiving legal aid, they should contact the referring office to ask that the legal aid appointment be reviewed, revoked or modified.

#### 2. Private Billing

No payments by clients to counsel are proper unless they are authorized by the Legal Services Society in writing (see Law Society Professional Conduct Handbook, Ruling G8). A written request to the referring office should be made in order to obtain authority to bill the client privately. Area directors who are private counsel do not have the authority to authorize private billings and if the client was referred from an area director, counsel may contact the nearest branch office or community law office. In emergency situations, telephone approval of a private billing arrangement may be obtained subject to the client's right to appeal the private fee authorization to the Legal Services Society.

#### 3. Criminal Legal Aid Coverage

Legal aid will only be provided to financially eligible applicants who are charged with:

- a) an indictable offence; or
- b) a summary conviction offence where there is a reasonable chance that upon conviction

there will be a sentence of imprisonment or the loss of means of earning a livelihood; or

c) where other special circumstances exist.

#### 4. Young Offenders Act Coverage

Coverage under the **Young Offenders Act** is provided where the young person would be eligible if charged as an adult. Where the Court directs appointment of counsel under the **Young Offenders Act** for a young person who is ineligible for legal aid, the Legal Services Society will appoint counsel under an agreement with the Attorney General's Ministry by which the Society is reimbursed for the costs of court-appointed counsel.

# 5. Appeals and Extraordinary Remedies in Criminal Matters

Legal aid is not automatically granted for appeals or extraordinary remedies. Each application for an appeal or extraordinary remedy is reviewed to determine whether there is substantial merit to the application.

Applications for appeals to the County Court should be made to the nearest **branch office** (see page ) of the Legal Services Society. Applications for extraordinary remedies, or for appeals to the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Court of Appeal, or Supreme Court of Canada should be made to the Appeals Committee, Legal Services Society, Suite 300, Box 3, 1140 West Pender St., Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4G1.

#### B. GENERAL NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

#### 1. Payment

Payment will be based on the tariff of fees and disbursements that is in effect on the Date of Assignment for the file. The user fee, contribution

or costs indicated on the referral form will be deducted from the account, if collected by counsel.

# 2. Fees and Disbursements in Exceptional Circumstances

Fees and disbursements may only be varied in exceptional circumstances not otherwise provided for by these tariffs. Requests for variations must be made in writing to the Tariff Accounts Department. Requests for additional fees are usually considered retroactively and a letter outlining the request must be included with the billing form. The requests may also be considered in some circumstances before the work is completed. All requests for increased disbursements must be made before the disbursements are incurred. Requests for additional fees add to payment processing time.

# 3. Authorization for Transcripts or Court Reporter's Attendance

Prior written authority to order transcripts or to authorize the attendance of the Court Reporter must be obtained from the Legal Services Society. Transcript costs are paid directly by the society and may not be billed on the referral. For authority to order a daily transcript of a preliminary or trial, expedited transcripts, an original transcript, or payment of cancellation fees, you must contact the Transcript Coordinator at the Legal Services Society head office, phone 660-4600. Authorization must be obtained from the nearest branch office for transcripts of show cause hearings or bail reviews, transcript for summary conviction appeals to County Court and a second copy of the transcript of a preliminary hearing or trial. For requests in relation to all other appeals, call the Appeals Coordinator at Legal Services Society head office, 660-4600.

#### 4. File Number

Because of the large number of accounts handled by the Legal Services Society the seven digit client file number located at the top of the referral form is very important. Please ensure that a record of this number is kept and referred to in all correspondence with the Society.

#### 5. Effective date of Referral

The effective date of referral is the date of assignment. The Society will not pay for services rendered prior to the date of assignment shown at the top of the referral form, except where such

services have been authorized in writing by the referring office, or where a Legal Services Society office or Area Director has made a prior agreement with a lawyer to represent any qualified applicants in remote areas of the province.

Please ensure that written authorization for services prior to the date of assignment of the referral is included with your billing form.

#### 6. Interim Accounts

Generally speaking, the Society is not able to accept criminal law accounts until all services on a case have been completed. Interim accounts will be accepted only in the following circumstances:

- following a preliminary hearing where the trial of a case will not commence for at least 3 months:
- b) where a case has not yet been completed but unbilled fees and disbursements have accumulated to an amount of \$1,000.00 or unbilled disbursements alone total \$250.00 or more:
- one year after the date of the "Date of Assignment" or after the last interim account was submitted;
- d) the Tariff Accounts Department may allow interim billing in other exceptional circumstances.

#### 7. Submissions of Referral Forms

You must submit your final bill for payment within 6 months of the last service date.

#### 8. Referral Signature

A signature is required on the referral form and is your representation that the services were performed by yourself or your agent on the dates indicated. Be sure that your correct lawyer number is by your name near the top of the form. Errors in this number could result in payment to the wrong lawyer.

#### 9. Billing for Travel

Out-of-town counsel will be paid on a "no travel" basis (no travel fees or disbursements for meals and meterage) when local counsel are available. Out-of-town counsel will be paid travel fees and

disbursements where no local counsel are available.

#### 10. Authorization for Criminal Charges

#### a) Billing Form

The billing form which you receive shows all the charges of which we are aware as of the assignment date. Multiple dispositions can be billed on one form. You may require an additional billing form if you have two dispositions of the same type on different dates (e.g. two trials or two guilty pleas). Request a further billing form from the referring office in this case.

#### b) Incorrect Charges

If the charges have been described incorrectly on the billing form, simply strike out the charges noted and record the correct charge and charge code.

#### c) Additional charges - same information

No authorization is required to add charges that are on the same information.

# d) Additional charges - different information - within six months

If new charges arise within six months of the assignment date and you have not yet billed, advise the referring office if the charges are not on the same information. Addition to the file of such new charges which are on different informations must be authorized and the referring office's file updated, before you render the service.

# e) Additional charges - different information - after six months

If new charges arise more than six months after the date of the assignment date, the client must reapply.

### 11. Change of Lawyer/Change of Address

The referring office must be contacted where the lawyer billing is not the one named at the top of the form. The computer will pay the lawyer named at the top, if the referring office is not notified of the change.

Advise the accounts payable department (660 - 4600) and the referring office of your change of address.

Please note that payment is made to individual lawyers, not to law firms and to the last address that L.S.S. has on file.

#### 12. User Fee

Clients continue to be assessed a non-refundable user fee at the time of application. The amount is shown on the referral forms as "client must pay \$ to counsel as contribution to tariff." The amount collected by counsel must be deducted from your account.

On payment of user fee, you must give the client a receipt, indicating that you have rendered services for which tariff fees are payable. The user fee may then be deposited in your general account. The user fee does not have to be deposited in or processed through your trust account.

#### 13. Collapse Fees

In some cases the L.S.S. may compensate counsel for lost fees because of the unanticipated failure of a matter to proceed. Eligible cases must have been set on the court list for a minimum of five days and the reasons for the collapse must have been outside of the control of counsel applying for compensation. Only a portion of lost fees is compensable. Immediately upon receiving notice that the matter is not to proceed, counsel is required to contact our referring offices and to take other steps to mitigate their loss. Applications for compensation may be made by letter to the Tariff Manager at Box 6, 300 - 1140 West Pender, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4G1.

#### 14. Billable Items

This tariff booklet specifies all billable tariff items and the amounts that are payable. Where the tariff is silent and in matters of interpretation the decision of the Legal Services Society is final.

#### 15. Agents

If you require an agent for work outside B.C., contact the reciprocals coordinator at head office, 660-4600.

If you require an agent for work within B.C., contact the local referring office who will look after the appointment of an agent (of your choice if you wish). A billing form will be forwarded directly to the agent. If you choose your own agent make sure they know that it is a legal aid case, that they must bill on the legal aid tariff, and on the legal aid referral form. Otherwise, we will be unable to accept their account.

#### 16. Information and Assistance

For information and assistance concerning fees, disbursements and billing procedures, contact the Tariff Accounts Department. Assistance is available between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 660-4600. Staff of the Society will make every effort to process your accounts in a timely manner. They will only be able to answer inquiries about the payment of a specific account if it has been unduly delayed. For any other matters, refer to the listing on page . All addresses and phone numbers are on page

All fee amounts followed by code numbers are billed as "other fees" in boxes labelled "B" on the billing form, showing the code number from this tariff book. Items without code numbers are billed in the appropriate boxes labelled "A" on the form.

			n	Most Offences [CODE]	Major Offences* [CODE]
		TE	RMINATIONS and RESUMPTIONS		
EARLY TERMINATION	1.	a)	Early Termination	\$ 50 [ * ]	\$ 50 [ * ]
		b)	Early Termination where no information is sworn or no charges are laid as a result of representations made by counsel to crown, police, or	0450 [0040]	A450 too 401
			probation	\$150 [6049]	<b>\$150</b> [6049]
TERMINATION WITHOUT HEARING	2.	or ch no ev enter one <u>i</u> <u>infor</u>	ne trial date client fails to appear nanges counsel, or crown calls vidence, or at any time stays are red on all outstanding charges on information billable per mation:		
		a) b)	one <u>set of facts</u> two or more <u>sets of facts</u>	\$150 [ * ] \$225 [ * ]	\$250 [ * ] \$375 [ * ]
GUILTY PLEA(S) AFTER ITEM 2	3.	Guilt unde heari	y plea(s) after having billed r Item 2 for a failure to appear at ng	\$ 50 [6023]	<b>\$ 75</b> [6882]
FIRST HALF-DAY OF HEARING AFTER ITEM 2	4.	heari	half day of trial or preliminary ng after having billed under Item a failure to appear at hearing: one set of facts two or more sets of facts	\$150 [ 695] \$225 [6122]	<b>\$250</b> [ 547] <b>\$375</b> [6668]

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Most Offences [CODE] Major Offences [CODE]

		GUILTY PLEAS and SENTENCING	
GUILTY PLEA(S)	5.	Guilty plea(s) for all informations on the same half-day before the same judge a) one sets of facts \$150 [*] \$250	[*1
		b) two or more <u>sets of facts</u> \$225 [ * ] \$375	
		OR OR	
SENTENCING ONLY		Sentencing only, where counsel is appointed after plea entered, first half day	
	- <u></u>	c) one <u>set of facts</u> \$150 [1602] <b>\$250</b>	[1693] [6965]
SENTENCING	6.	Sentencing a) subsequent half-days after having billed under Items 3, 5, 8, 9, or 10(b) regardless of the number of sets of facts or informations \$ 75 [6460] \$125 [6]	5 <b>7</b> 26]
		OR	
		b) for each subsequent half days of sentencing which takes at least one hour and which includes oral evidence \$125 [6379] \$200 [6]	6684]
DANGEROUS OFFENDER PROCEEDINGS	c)		[7732] [7740]
APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW	d)	Application for Judicial Review under Criminal Code section 745  (i) Hearing first half-day \$500 [7153]  (ii) Subsequent half-days \$150 [7146]	

Most Offences [CODE] Major Offences [CODE]

		TRIALS AND PRELIMINARY HEARINGS			
CONSENT COMMITTAL	7,	Consent committal entered, where no witness is heard:  a) one set of facts  b) two or more sets of facts	\$150 [ * ] \$225 [ * ]	\$250 [ * ] \$375 [ * ]	
W		Consent committal on a separate half-day after having billed for commencement of preliminary hearing  c) one fee	\$ 50 [6056]	<b>\$ 75</b> [6551]	
FIRST HALF DAY OF HEARING	8.	Trial or preliminary hearing (except see Item 4 if Item 2 has been billed) first half-day:  a) one set of facts b) two or more sets of facts	\$300 [ * ] \$450 [ * ]	\$500 [ * ] \$750 [ * ]	
SUBSEQUENT HALF- DAYS OF HEARING	9.	Trial or preliminary hearing, subsequent half-days regardless of the number of sets of facts	\$200 [ * ]		
	NO.	E: Sentencing on a separate half-day afte	r conviction is b	illed under Item 6.	
TERMINATION MID HEARING	10.	Termination during preliminary hearing or trial on a separate half- day:  a) All outstanding charges on one information are stayed, or your client falls to appear, or changes counsel on a half-day not billed elsewhere, regardless of the number of sets of facts b) Guilty plea(s) are entered	\$ 50 [ * ] \$ 50 [ * ]	\$ 75 [ * ] \$ 75 [ * ]	

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FIXING DATE FOR TRIAL OR APPEAL	11.	Fix date appearances before a county court or supreme court judge (maximum one fee per day regardless of the number of clients, and one fee per indictment)	\$100 [ 471]	<b>\$</b> ,100 [ 497]
PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE OR V.P.C. DISCLOSURE COURT	12.	Pre-trial conference:  a) one set of facts  b) two or more sets of facts  c) Vancouver Provincial Court  Disclosure Court	\$100 [1313] \$150 [6114] <b>\$100</b>	<b>\$150</b> [1321] <b>\$225</b> [6585] [6478]
FITNESS HEARING	13.	Fitness hearing where witnesses are heard: a) First half-day b) subsequent half-days  Fitness hearing where no witness is heard: c) one fee	\$300 [ 521] \$100 [ 273] \$100 [6148]	\$500 [6825] \$150 [6569] \$150 [6817]

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	JUDICIAL INTERIM RELEASE		
14.	Show cause hearing or bail estreatment: a) first half-day b) subsequent half-days	\$100 [ 620] \$ 75 [1735]	
15.	Bail review in Provincial Court (requires prior approval from referring office) a) first half-day b) subsequent half-days	\$100 [ 166] \$ 75 [6320]	<b>\$100</b> [ 166] <b>\$ 75</b> [6320]
16.	Bail review under C.C.C. Section 525:  a) first half-day  b) subsequent half-days  Other Bail Review in Superior Court  (requires prior approval from the	\$100 [6080] \$ 75 [6353]	<b>\$100</b> [6080] <b>\$ 75</b> [6353]
	referring office): c) first half-day d) subsequent half-days	\$150 [ 935] \$ 75 [1388]	<b>\$250</b> [6627] <b>\$100</b> [6916]
17.	Bail application in Supreme Court: a) first half-day b) subsequent half-days		<b>\$500</b> [ 653] <b>\$150</b> [6916]
18.	Bail review in Court of Appeal (requires <u>prior approval</u> from the referring office): a) first <u>half-day</u> b) subsequent <u>half-days</u>	\$300 [ 505] \$100 [6213]	\$500 [6544] \$150 [6940]
19.	Bail application in Court of Appeal or in County Court appeal:  a) first half-day b) subsequent half-days	\$300 [ 893] \$100 [6072]	<b>\$500</b> [6601] <b>\$150</b> [6536]
	15.	14. Show cause hearing or bail estreatment: a) first half-day b) subsequent half-days  15. Bail review in Provincial Court (requires prior approval from referring office) a) first half-day b) subsequent half-days  16. Bail review under C.C.C. Section 525: a) first half-day b) subsequent half-days Other Bail Review in Superior Court (requires prior approval from the referring office): c) first half-day d) subsequent half-days  17. Bail application in Supreme Court: a) first half-day b) subsequent half-days  18. Bail review in Court of Appeal (requires prior approval from the referring office): a) first half-day b) subsequent half-days	14. Show cause hearing or bail estreatment: a) first half-day \$100 [ 620] b) subsequent half-days \$75 [1735]  15. Bail review in Provincial Court (requires prior approval from referring office) a) first half-day \$100 [ 166] b) subsequent half-days \$75 [6320]  16. Bail review under C.C.C. Section 525: a) first half-day \$100 [6080] b) subsequent half-days \$75 [6353] Other Bail Review in Superior Court (requires prior approval from the referring office): c) first half-day \$150 [ 935] d) subsequent half-days \$75 [1388]  17. Bail application in Supreme Court: a) first half-day b) subsequent half-days  18. Bail review in Court of Appeal (requires prior approval from the referring office): a) first half-day \$300 [ 505] b) subsequent half-days \$100 [6213]

Most Offences [CODE] Major Offences [CODE]

	YOUTH COURT					
YOUTH COURT TRANSFER APPLICATION	<ul> <li>Youth court transfer application:</li> <li>a) first half-day</li> <li>b) subsequent half-days</li> </ul>	\$300 [950] \$100 [190]	<b>\$500</b> [6809] <b>\$150</b> [6874]			
APPLICATION FOR DISPOSITION REVIEW	21. Application for disposition review where court appearance is necessary (one fee) \$100 [6346] \$150 [69]					
DISPOSITION REVIEW	22. <u>Disposition review:</u> a) first <u>half-day</u> b) subsequent <u>half-day</u>	\$150 [2113] \$ 50 [6361]	<b>\$250</b> [6759] <b>\$ 75</b> [6791]			
	NOTE: For all other Youth Court proceedings,	see appropriat	e item of this tari			
	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS					
VISITS TO CLIENTS IN CUSTODY	<ul> <li>23. All visits to clients in custody on a single date regardless of the number of clients visited or number of visits made (one fee per location per day):</li> <li>a) in Vancouver Pre-Trial Centre</li> <li>b) in any other institution other than a local lock-up</li> <li>c) in a local lock-up where counsel has to travel at least 16 km each way</li> </ul>	\$ 75 [6015] \$ 75 [6411] \$ 75 [6106]	\$ 75 [6577] \$ 75 [6700] \$ 75 [6510]			
TRAVEL FEES	24. Travel fees:  a) half-day of travel to or from a hearing or to interview a client in custody where the trip exceeds 160 km round trip b) for each half-day counsel remain at such place for purpose of hearing c) for date of travel less than 160 km to an hearing or to interview a client in custody but requiring an overnight stay	\$100 [ 331] \$100 [ 760] \$100 [6031]	\$100 [331] \$100 [ 760] \$100 [6031]			

			Most Offences [CODE]	Major Offences [CODE]
WRITTEN ARGUMENT	25.	Written argument requested by judge (one fee): copy of argument may be requested	\$150 [ 877]	<b>\$150</b> [877]
CHANGE OF VENUE	26.	Change of venue (one fee)	\$150 [ 372]	<b>\$150</b> [ 372]
GUILTY PLEA WITHDRAWN	27.	<ul> <li>a) Guilty pleas changed or withdrawn on a separate half-day from the trial or entering of guilty plea(s), (one fee)</li> <li>b) New counsel is appointed and guilty plea is changed or withdrawn on a separate half-day from the trial or entering of guilty plea(s) (one fee)</li> </ul>	\$ 50 [6338] \$150 [ 562]	<b>\$ 75</b> [6866] <b>\$250</b> [6908]
WAIVING IN	28.	Waiving in charges from other jurisdictions. Regardless of the number of informations only one fee is payable per jurisdiction (subject to a limit of 10 jurisdictions):  a) each jurisdiction in B.C. b) each other jurisdiction	\$ 50 [ 117] \$100 [6312]	<b>\$100</b> [6767] <b>\$100</b> [6775]

				Most Offences [CODE]	Major Offences [CODE]	
APPLICATIONS TO PROCURE ATTENDANCE RELEASE EXHIBITS	29.	Appl a)	lication:  To procure the attendance of a prisoner as a witness in Count or Supreme Court or to obtain the release of exhibits for examination (or in provincial court where court appearance by counsel is required) on a separate half-day from any	У	9	_
			other court service	\$100 [ 463]	<b>\$100</b> [ 463]	
VARY SENTENCE, ETC.		b)	To vary terms of sentence, probation order or peace bond	\$ 50 [ 1636]	<b>\$ 75</b> [6643]	
	NO	ΓE: S	ee Notes on <u>Guilty Pleas</u> for sa	me half-day billing		
VARIANCE BY NEW COUNSEL		c)	Where new counsel is appointed only to vary terms of sentence, probation order, peace bond:  i) one set of facts  ii) two or more sets of facts	\$150 [6171 <u>]</u>	<b>\$250</b> [6676] <b>\$375</b> [6593]	
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LATE SITTINGS	30.		sittings and waiting for a jury 5:30 p.m.: up to four hours beyond four hours, an additional	\$100 [ 752] \$100 [ 265]	<b>\$150</b> [1651] <b>\$150</b> [ 802]	
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ADJOURNMENTS	31.	Whe i) ii)	re counsel is required to attend a court for at least one hour, and all matters are adjourned to another half day or generally, and	ut	2	

no other fee is claimed for that

half day for any legal aid client; counsel may bill one adjournment fee for all clients represented

iii)

**\$50** [6486]

\$ 50 [6486]

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[CODE] [CODE1 **Extraordinary remedies** (Requires prior approval from Appeals Committee, H.O.) first half-day \$300 [ 232] \$500 [6692] b) subsequent half-day \$100 [ 125] **\$150** [6734] **All Offences** [CODE] CORONER'S HEARINGS 33. Coroner's hearing (requires prior approval) a) first half-day **\$500** [ 737] b) subsequent half-day \$150 [836]

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#### **APPEALS**

# APPEALS TO COUNTY OR SUPREME COURT

CORONER'S HEARING

**EXTRAORDINARY** 

REMEDIES

34. Appeal to County Court or Supreme Court

a) Against CONVICTION OR CONVICTION and SENTENCE:

i) first half-day \$600 [ \* ]
ii) subsequent half-days \$200 [ \* ]
Against SENTENCE only:

b) Against SENTENCE only:
i) first half-day
ii) subsequent half-days
c) Application to extend time
d) Application to stay sentence

\$400 [\*]
\$100 [\*]
\$100 [6445]

Application to stay sentence pending appeal \$100 [6395]

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APPEALS TO COURT OF APPEAL	35. Appeal to Court of Appeal:  a) Application to extend time \$200 [1214]  b) Against CONVICTION only:  i) first half-day \$1200 [*]  c) Against SENTENCE only:  i) first half-day \$600 [*]  ii) subsequent half-days \$200 [*]  d) Against CONVICTION and SENTENCE  i) first half-day \$1500 [*]  ii) subsequent half-days \$500 [*]  e) Application to stay sentence pending appeal \$100 [6395]  f) Against transfer from Youth Court: \$1200 [7815]  ii) first half-day \$400 [7823]
APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT OF CANADA	36. Appeal to Supreme Court of Canada:  a) application for leave to extend time \$400 [1826]  b) oral or written application for leave to appeal \$1000 [356]  c) oral application for leave to appeal when requested following written application \$400 [7857]  d) first half-day of hearing appeal \$1500 [*]  e) subsequent half-days of hearing appeal \$700 [*]
INCOMPLETE APPEAL	37. Where there is a change of counsel on an appeal or extraordinary remedy, or the appeal is abandoned, bill \$50 per hour to a maximum of 50% of the fee for the first half-day of hearing [1933]
EXTRADITION HEARING FEES	38. Hearing first half-day a) one set of facts \$300 [1842] \$500 [1883] b) two or more sets of facts \$450 [1867] \$750 [1909] c) subsequent half-days: i) one set of facts \$150 [1859] \$200 [1891] ii) two or more sets of facts \$200 [1875] \$250 [1917]

#### NOTES

GENERAL RULE: Where tariff rules indicated that two items cannot be billed together, bill the higher fee Item.

#### <u>Abatement</u>

Treat the same as stay of proceedings.

#### **Adjournment**

Except as set out in item 34 applications for adjournment by the crown or defence, opposed or consented to, successful or unsuccessful, are not separately billable items. The block fees for terminated charges, guilty pleas and halfdays of preliminary and trial include all adjournments.

Adjournments include applications to traverse.

#### Application for Disposition Review

Includes all preparation and appearance where counsel appears for an <u>application for a disposition review</u> under the *Young Offenders Act.* No fee is payable if the application is on the same <u>half day</u> as the <u>disposition review</u>.

#### Application for Release

Under the Young Offenders Act: bill as a bail matter where there is no regular duty counsel

#### **Bench Warrant**

Argument about issuing or vacating a bench warrant is not billable.

#### Co-Accused

Two or more individuals jointly charged on a single information.

In Youth Court, <u>co-accused(s)</u> include all individuals charged with offences arising out of the same incident.

Individuals who were jointly charged remain <a href="mailto:co-accused">co-accused</a> through all sentencing and disposition review hearings. Full fees are payable for the first client, and half fees are payable when acting for each additional co-accused, except in conspiracies and where the tariff precludes additional payment.

In conspiracy cases representation for co-accused must be confirmed with LSS. The rates payable are \$65 for each additional co-accused for each <a href="half-day">half-day</a> of preliminary hearing or trial. All other fees are billable at usual <a href="co-accused">co-accused</a> rates.

#### Committal for Trial

After an accused has been committed for trial, the matter is treated like a 'new file' for purposes of billing <u>early</u> <u>termination</u> and <u>guilty pleas</u>. Do not bill services which follow a committal for trial (eg. superior court fix dates) on the same billing form as the <u>preliminary hearing</u> Item.

#### **Consent Committal**

Includes payment for any stays and guilty pleas entered up to and including the half-day of the committal, and any guilty plea entered on the same half-day, where the charges stayed or pleaded are on the same information.

a) A consent committal where no witness is called is billed under Item 7(a) or (b);

- b) A consent committal after some evidence has been heard:
  - i) where a consent committal occurs on a billable <u>half-day</u> of <u>preliminary hearing</u>, the consent committal may not be billed if the <u>half-day</u> is billed; and
  - ii) where a consent committal occurs after evidence has been heard but on a <a href="https://half-day">half-day</a> which is otherwise not billable, it is billed under Item 7(c).

#### Conspiracy

Counsel acting for a single accused charged with conspiracy (either with or without other substantive charges) may bill under the tariff Items for major offences- multiple sets of facts. Be sure that a "c" is indicated in front of the LSS offence code on the billing form. In conspiracy matters counsel may act for more than one <u>co-accused</u> only after confirming arrangements with the LSS. For rates, see <u>Co-Accused</u>.

#### **Dangerous Offender Proceedings**

Bill the <u>major offence</u> rates if one or more of the charges which is the subject of the proceedings is a <u>major offence</u>, for multiple sets of facts where appropriate.

#### **Disclosure Court**

Vancouver Provincial Court Disclosure Court appearances are billable under item 12(c) and not as a <u>pre-trial</u> <u>conference</u> under C.C.C. section 625.1. This item may be billed with all other tariff items.

#### **Disposition Review**

Includes all preparation and appearances to speak to disposition on a date after sentence has been imposed in Youth Court including applications to transfer to an adult facility.

To bill a <u>half-day</u>, witnesses must be called, evidence led, argument made (other than an adjournment application), or judgment given.

Regardless of the number of <u>informations</u> all pleas, sentencings, bail reviews, <u>applications for disposition</u> <u>reviews</u> and <u>disposition reviews</u> before the same judge on the same <u>half-day</u> must be combined and billed as one guilty plea or sentencing item. Bill for multiple <u>sets of facts</u> where appropriate.

#### **Diversion**

#### See Stay.

#### **Early Termination**

Bill where there is a failure to appear including a failure to appear on a guilty plea, or change of counsel after the client has been interviewed or counsel has appeared in court at least once.

Regardless of the number of <u>informations</u>, all failures to appear before the same judge on the same <u>half-day</u> must be combined and billed as one early termination item. If no charges are laid or no <u>information</u> is sworn, bill item 1(a) \$50 unless it is as a result of representations made by counsel to crown, police or probation, then bill item 1(b).

Early termination may not be billed for charges on any information on which any other fees are claimed except for travel, waives, bail items and visits to clients in custody. Bill both custody visits and early termination only if there has been at least one interview or court appearance which occurred on a different date from any custody visit.

All waived charges must be treated as if they appear on a single information when billing early termination.

<u>Early Termination</u> bills for a failure to appear may not be submitted until at least one month after the failure to appear. If the matter resumes after billing <u>early termination</u>, it is treated like a "new file" for purposes of billing other tariff items. After an accused has been committed for trial, the matter is treated like a "new file" for purposes of billing <u>early termination</u> and <u>guilty pleas</u>.

#### **Extraordinary Remedies**

Bill under Item 32 for proceedings under the *Judicial Review Procedures Act* and certiorari, habeas corpus, mandamus or prohibition.

#### Fitness Hearing

Any proceedings in accordance with the C.C.C. section 615 to determine the fitness of an accused to stand trial. Where witnesses are called, bill under Item 13(a) and (b). Where no witnesses are called and no other court services are billed for the same <a href="https://hatchiedology.com/hatchiedolo

#### Fix Date in County or Supreme Court

Where counsel is appointed after a date has already been fixed, and an appearance is required before a superior court judge to confirm the date fixed for trial, the confirmation may be treated as a fix date. Otherwise, no confirmation fee is payable.

Fix date fees should be claimed in conjunction with trial fees or on a final account.

#### **Guilty Plea(s)**

Includes payment for any <u>stays</u> entered up to and including the <u>half-day</u> of plea on charges in the same <u>information</u>. Regardless of the number of <u>informations</u>, all pleas, sentencing, bail reviews and disposition reviews, and variations of terms of sentences or peace bonds or probation orders before the same judge on the same <u>half-day</u> must be combined and billed as one guilty plea or sentencing item, for multiple <u>sets of facts</u> where appropriate.

Where a guilty plea is entered before the same judge on the same <u>half-day</u> as trials commence on charges in the same <u>information</u>, only the first <u>half-day</u> trial fee may be billed, for multiple <u>sets of facts</u> where appropriate.

#### Haif-Day

Means a court sitting either before or after the lunch adjournment.

#### Notes to Criminal Tariff

#### <u>Information</u>

Means the Information upon which the Crown proceeds unless:

- a) there has been a court ordered severance; or
- b) the crown is proceeding separately under one Information; or
- c) the defence has elected separate modes of trial and the judge has permitted the separate elections to stand.

When such severances occur, each severed <u>trial</u>, <u>preliminary hearing</u>, or plea may be treated as occurring on a separate <u>Information</u>.

Services on separate informations may be billed separately, subject to the limitations under **Guilty Plea(s)** and **Sentencing**.

In superior courts "Information" means indictment. Information numbers must appear on billing form.

A charge of failure to appear on an "A" information is considered to be on a separate information from the substantive charge. Subsequent failure to appear charges are treated as if they appear on the same information as the first F.T.A. charge, unless <u>trials</u> occur on separate <u>half-days</u>.

An original information and a "C" information will be treated as the same information if the charges on the "C" information include all the charges on the original information as amended or as lesser included offenses.

#### Junior Counsel/Co-Counsel

Such appointments may be made in exceptional circumstances. See "Authorizations" list.

#### Jury Selection

Is treated as the beginning of the <u>trial</u>. If there is a change of counsel between jury selection and the calling of evidence on a jury trial, the new counsel may treat the <u>half-day</u> when evidence is first called as the first <u>half-day</u> of trial.

#### Local Lock-Up

Any place of incarceration managed by local police. <u>Visits</u> to <u>clients</u> in local lock-ups may not be billed on the same <u>half-day</u> as any court services for the same client in the same community.

#### **Notes to Criminal Tariff**

#### Major Offences

Murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, sexual assault charges that proceed by indictment, criminal negligence causing death (s.203), robbery, importing narcotics, and all conspiracies. (Conspiracies may be billed as if multiple sets of facts are involved.)

If a single tariff item is billed for services on two or more charges, one of which is a major offence, bill the major offence rate, for multiple sets of facts where appropriate.

Counsel may bill at major offence rates for charges that begin as major offences but are disposed of as lesser included offences.

#### **Material Witness**

Bill under trial or preliminary hearing at most offence rates.

#### **Preliminary Hearing**

For charges on the same information, preliminary hearing fees include payment for: any <u>stays</u> entered up to and including the <u>half-day</u> of preliminary hearing;

To bill a <u>half-day</u>, witnesses must be called, evidence led, or argument made (not including adjournment applications).

Applications to quash an information before plea, for a judicial stay of proceedings, or to sever before trial, may be billed as the first <a href="https://half-day">half-day</a> of trial or preliminary hearing.

Do not include attendances to set further dates.

For a single <u>information</u>, only one preliminary hearing fee (for one or multiple sets of facts) may be billed per <u>half-day</u>. See <u>Consent Committals</u> where no evidence or witnesses are heard.

#### **Pre-Trial Conference**

Discussion with judge requiring attendance of counsel pursuant to procedures under the C.C.C. section 625.1. A pre-trial conference may not be billed for the same <a href="https://half-day.nc.in/half-day">half-day</a> on which other court services are billed for charges on the same <a href="information.">information.</a>

#### See Disclosure Court.

#### Prior Approval

Where the tariff indicates that prior approval from LSS is required before an item can be billed, it is possible to receive retroactive approval from LSS in unusual situations where the urgency of the matter makes receiving prior approval impractical. To determine what LSS office to contact see <u>Authorizations</u> list in this booklet.

#### Sentencing

#### Sentencing Only

#### Set(s) of Facts

#### Severance

After the <a href="half-day">half-day</a> on which a <a href="guilty plea">guilty plea</a> is entered or a finding of guilt is made at <a href="trial">trial</a>, this item is billable for subsequent <a href="half-days">half-days</a> upon which argument is made (other than an adjournment application), sentencing submissions are made, evidence is heard on sentence, or sentence is pronounced. All pleas, sentencing, and variations of terms of sentences or peace bonds, probation orders, bail reviews or disposition reviews before the same judge on the same <a href="half-day">half-day</a> must be combined and billed as one <a href="guilty plea">guilty plea</a> or sentencing item, for multiple <a href="sets of facts">sets of facts</a> where appropriate if entitled to bill under item 5. Note that this is billed as an "Other Fee" Item on referral form.

Separate charges against one client which are set for the same <u>half-day</u> in court shall be treated as a single set of facts except:

- a) offences which occurred on separate dates will be treated as two or more sets of facts except where one is a continuing offence (e.g. PSP charged with theft of the same property);
- b) charges which are not continuing offences and meet at least two (2) of the criteria set out below are treated as two or more sets of facts:
  - i) the events are separated by a time gap of at least one(1) hour;
- ii) there are two completely different prosecution witnesses to the two charges;
- iii) there are completely different defences or completely different defence witnesses.

The LSS is the final authority on what circumstances constitute separate sets of facts.

#### See Information.

#### **Show Cause**

Bill when counsel appears in court or before a Justice of the Peace and client is in custody, there is argument about release or Crown agrees to release after defence counsel has made representations to the Crown.

Only one **show cause** fee may be claimed for a single client before the same judge on the same **half-day** (regardless of the number of charges or **informations**), unless special circumstances result in the hearings being separated by more than one-half hour.

Where counsel speaks to bail for two or more <u>co-accused</u> before the same judge on the same <u>half-day</u>, the normal rule for <u>co-accused</u> fees applies (i.e. full fees for the first <u>co-accused</u> and half fee for each other <u>co-accused</u>). Where bail matters are heard on separate <u>half-days</u> or before different judges, full fees are payable for each <u>co-accused</u>.

A show cause may be billed on the same <u>half-day</u> as a <u>trial</u>, <u>preliminary hearing</u>, or <u>stay</u> claimed for the same client.

Counsel appointed to act as duty counsel may not bill on a criminal referral for bail services in that court on the same calender day.

All <u>pleas</u>, sentencing, bail, and variations of terms of sentences or peace bonds or probation or bail orders before the same judge on the same half-day must be combined and billed as a single item, for <u>multiple sets of facts</u> where appropriate.

Includes payment for any <u>stays</u> and <u>guilty pleas</u> entered up to and including the <u>half day</u> that the stay is entered on charges on the same information.

Bill where the client has been interviewed or counsel has appeared in court at least once, and all outstanding charges, convictions and acquittals on one <u>information</u> are stayed by the Crown (date of stay must appear on billing form). If some charges on an <u>information</u> are stayed while others proceed to trial, preliminary hearing, consent committal, or pleas, bill under either the first <u>half-day</u> of <u>trial</u>, <u>preliminary hearing</u> or <u>guilty plea</u> items.

Included within stays of proceedings for purposes of this tariff are abatements, withdrawals, and, on trial date, Crown called no evidence.

Stay

#### **Notes to Criminal Tariff**

#### Transfer Application

Includes all preparation, adjournments, remands, interviews, attendances and preparation for hearing of a transfer application under the Young Offenders Act. On transfer applications one fee is payable for all informations heard before the same judge on the same <u>half-day</u>.

Reviews of **Youth Court <u>transfer applications</u>** pursuant to S. 16(9) of the <u>Young Offenders Act</u> in Supreme Court may be billed under item 34 (a).

#### **Travel Fees**

Where other fees are billed for a day when a travel claim is made, the maximum travel fee is \$100 on that date.

Otherwise the maximum travel fee is \$200 on one day. Travel fees are paid per trip, not per client.

Travel disbursements may also be billed subject to the limitations in the Disbursement Tariff.

Travel fees are not payable when travelling only to fix a date.

#### **Trial**

For charges on the same <u>information</u>, trial fees include payment for: any <u>stays</u> entered up to and including the <u>half-day</u> of trial;

To bill a <u>half-day</u>, witnesses must be called, evidence led, argument made (not including adjournment applications), judgment given or counsel must be waiting for a jury verdict.

Applications to quash an information before plea, for a judicial stay of proceedings, or to sever before trial, may be billed as the first **half-day** of trial or preliminary hearing.

Applications for Peace Bonds under criminal code section 810 may be billed as a trial at most offence rates.

Do **not** include any <u>half-day</u> after a finding of guilt is made (see <u>Sentencing</u> - billed under Item 6) or attendance is to set further dates.

For a single <u>information</u>, only one trial fee (for one or multiple <u>sets of facts</u>) may be billed per <u>half-day</u>.

#### **Trial Date**

The date set by the court for commencement of <u>trial</u>, <u>preliminary hearing</u> or fitness hearing with witnesses.

#### **Notes to Criminal Tariff**

#### Visits to Clients in Custody

Bill only one fee per date, regardless of the number of clients visited or the number of visits made. Visits to clients in <u>local lock-up</u> may not be billed on the same <u>half-day</u> as any other court services are billed for the same client in the same community.

#### Waiving In

Billable by counsel who makes arrangements for the waiving out of charges if no other LSS appointed lawyer is billing for the same charges to be waived in.

Only one fee is payable for each jurisdiction from which charges are waived, regardless of the number of <u>informations</u>, <u>sets of facts</u>, or charges. The names of the jurisdictions should be indicated on the referral form.

All waived charges must be treated as if they appear on a single information when billing early termination.

### Withdrawal of Charges

Treated the same as stay of proceedings.

# **Disbursements**

#### 1. Notes

- a) In general, counsel may incur necessary and usual disbursements up to a total of \$400 (beyond those under Item 7, below) without prior authorization of the Society. Totals in excess will require the prior authorization of the Tariff Accounts Department.
- b) Counsel will be responsible for paying all disbursements associated with each case as well as insuring that all have been entered on the billing form when it is rendered. The Society cannot guarantee reimbursement for items omitted from the billing. Copies of receipts for items exceeding \$100 and copies of special authorization letters must accompany the account.

## 2. Travel [Code]

At 26¢ per km. for automobile travel **only when** the destination is outside the city or municipality where counsel practises. (Provide date, destination, and distance) [968]

Bus, Train, Ferry and Taxi - (Provide date, destination)

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Air Fare - Prevailing economy rates apply. (Provide date, destination) [455]

#### 3. Accommodation

Actual cost up to \$65.00 per night [661]

#### 4. Meals

Up to \$6.50 for breakfast, \$8.00 for lunch.

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\$14.00 for dinner.

May be claimed only if case is out of town (80 kilometres one way) or if late-sitting is required.

### 5. Transcripts & Court Reporters

Counsel will not be billed for Transcripts and the attendance of Reporters if the following procedures are followed:

In advance of each service required counsel should obtain a Transcript Authority from:

#### a) The nearest L.S.S. Branch office for: Criminal Matters:

- the transcript of show cause hearings or bail reviews;
- transcripts necessary for appeals to the County Court on summary convictions;
- second copy of the transcript of a preliminary hearing or trial.
- b) The Transcript Co-Ordinator at Head Office (660-4600) for anything other than the above including:

#### **Criminal Matters:**

- the original and first copy of the preliminary hearing or trial;
- · daily transcripts of trial or preliminary; or
- · expedited transcripts of any proceedings.
- c) For transcript requests in relation to any other Appeals, call the Appeals Co-Ordinator (660-4600). NOTE: Failure to obtain prior consent from L.S.S. will result in L.S.S. refusing to honour any disbursement billings for transcripts.

#### 6. Service of Documents

- a) In B.C. private process servers may be used. If the fee for service of an individual exceeds \$75.00, include invoice with billing. [240]
- b) Outside B.C., local government service should be used if possible. Otherwise, use private process serving. [174]

#### 7. Experts' Reports

Authority for Reports - One medical report or one medical specialist's report may be obtained without prior authority (the author of the report may testify without prior authorization). Subsequent reports and all reports of other experts require prior authority from the Tariff Accounts Department.

- a) Medical Examinations, Reports and Opinions
  - Medical Specialists examination and preparation of report, \$50 per hour up to a maximum of \$250, plus \$50 if subject is examined in an institution. [638]
  - ii) General Practitioner examination and report, \$40 per hour to a maximum of \$200, plus \$50 if subject is examined in an institution. [125]
- Medical Testimony at Trial Authority of the Tariff Accounts Department required except as specified above.
  - Medical Specialists \$50 per hour to a maximum of \$250 per day. [232]
  - ii) General Practitioner \$40 per hour to a maximum of \$200 per day. [372]
- c) Other Experts' Reports Authority for reports, fees and court appearances should be obtained from the Tariff Accounts Department. [257]
- d) Proceedings Out of Town Where an expert must attend proceedings out of town, authority for reports, fees and travel disbursements should be obtained from the Tariff Accounts Department. [588]

#### 8. Skip Tracing

Accounts should be paid by counsel and claimed as a disbursement. If the cost will exceed \$150, obtain prior authorization from the Tariff Accounts Department. [356]

#### **DISBURSEMENTS FOR INTERPRETING** Languages and Hearing Impaired

	CRIM	IINAL PROCEEDIN	CIVIL PRO	OCEEDINGS	
	For Accused in court	For Accused for interviews	For Respondent or Plaintiff	For Witnesses (court and interviews)	
PROVINCIAL COURTS	FREE*	•	•	FREE**	•
COUNTY COURTS	FREE*	•	•	•	•
SUPREME AND APPEAL COURTS	FREE*	•	•	•	•

\*On notice to Crown Counsel or Court Administrator

\*\*On notice to Court Administrator

Outside services required. Contact the following groups for assistance.

#### Language Interpretation

- i) Greater Vancouver Area: Apply for free or nominal charge service to MOSAIC, 254-9626.
- ii) Elsewhere: Contact the Certified Legal Interpreters of B.C., 689-3611, or the B.C. Professional Legal Interpreters, 879-0414, and ask for legal aid rate, or contact other local agency and pay fee. If the fee is to exceed \$150, obtain prior authorization from the Tariff Accounts Department.

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#### **Hearing Impaired**

Greater Vancouver Area: Apply to:

Western Institute for the Deaf, 2125 West 7th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6K 1X9

737-7391

#### 10. Photocopying

25¢ per page at the office [471] 30¢ per page at the courthouse [497]

#### 11. Special Delivery/Registered Mail

Claim at cost for Special Delivery or Registered Mail. [869] There is no reimbursement for normal post office mail charges.

#### 12. Telephone Calls

Long distance calls only, at cost. [836] Provide log where total being billed exceeds \$100.00.

#### 13. Fax

The Society does not pay fax charges. We will pay associated long distance calls. [836]

#### 14. Courier Services

For emergencies only - claim at cost.

#### 15. Witness Fees or Expenses

Apply by letter to Tariff Accounts Department. No applications for lost wages will be considered. [695]

#### 16. Filing Fees

Fees required to be paid to court or tribunal for filing documents should be claimed as a disbursement. This does not include fee of a filing agency. [398]

#### 17. Substitutional Service

Tariff Accounts Department will approve minimum expenses necessary to comply with court order. (Attach copies of invoices.) [133]

#### 18. Real Property Title Search

Claim as a disbursement at cost.

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#### 19. Other

An expense not described above and exceeding \$50.00 requires prior authorization of the Tariff Accounts Department. Please describe disbursement. [737]

20. Western Legal Publication [489]

#### 21. Parking

Claim only when lawyer travels to court out of the city [2014) where he/she practices.

#### 22. Car Rental

Prior approval is required from the Tariff Accounts Department. [2022]

## **AUTHORIZATIONS/INFORMATION**

(updated September 13, 1989)

Subject	Contact
Additional Charges	Referring Office*
Appeals  — to County Court	Nearest Branch Office Appeals Comm. (H.O.)**
Bail Matters	Referring Office
Change of Counsel	Referring Office
Conversion to Private Retainer	Nearest Branch Office or C.L.O.
Costs  — authorization to waive	Referring Office Referring Office (N.B. Referral form must be mailed in to Tariff Accounts Dept.)
Disbursements in Excess of Tariff	Tariff Accounts Dept. (H.O.)
Eligibility Review	Referring Office
Extraordinary Remedies (prerog. writs)	Appeals Committee (H.O.)
Junior Counsel/Co-Counsel	Tariff Manager (H.O.)
Retroactive Referrals (emergency)	Referring Office
Transcripts  — in relation to appeals	Appeals Coordinator (H.O.) Nearest Branch Office or Transcript Coordinator (H.O.)
Other Matters (except accounts)	Referring Office Tariff Accounts Dept. (H.O.)

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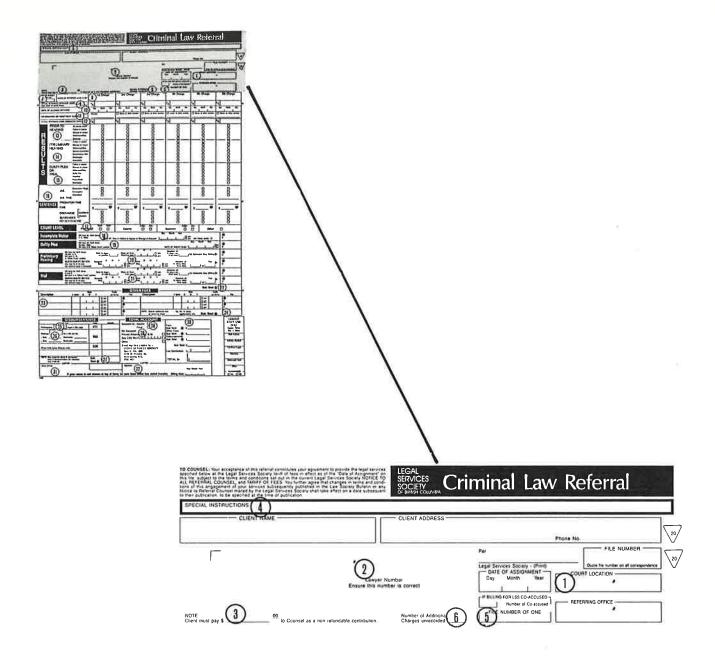
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# **Instructions For Form Completion**

Help us speed up the payment of your account. Avoid these common omissions.

- Give us the information number for each charge.
- 2. Indicate date of offence.
- Complete the "SENTENCE" section.
- 4. If you are billing for an incomplete matter, make sure you tick the actual result in the appropriate "RESULTS" section ("Prior to Hearing", "Preliminary Hearing", or "Guilty Plea or Trial"). We must know the reason it is incomplete.
- 5. If you are billing for a failure to appear at trial, be sure to check the "On Trial Date" box in the "INCOMPLETE MATTER" section.



# Instructions for Completing the Criminal Law Referral Form

All bold and underlined items are defined in Tariff Notes.

#### **Additional Forms**

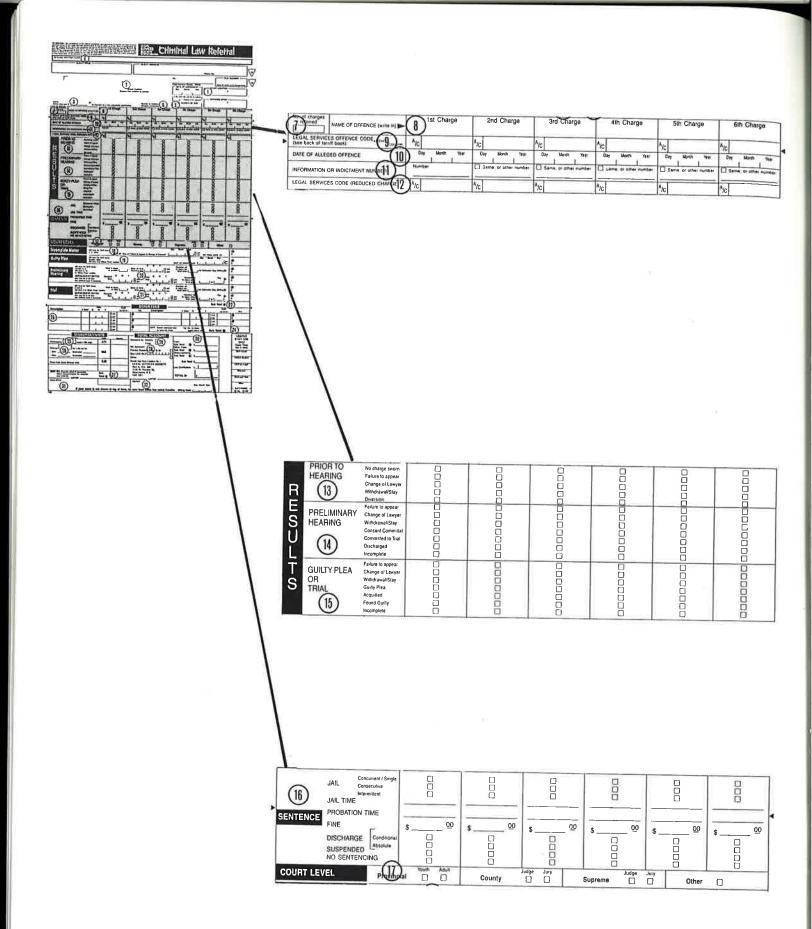
We need to know the date of any incomplete matter, preliminary hearing, or guilty plea or trial. You can only bill one date for each of these on one form. If you need another form ask the referring office for one.

You must fill every applicable section of the form in order to get paid.

#### **TOP SECTION**

Completed by office. Do not make changes except to:

1.	Court Location	Check court location and change if incorrect.
2.	Lawyer Number	Check lawyer number. If you are named on the top of form, check that your lawyer number is correct; if your number is not correct, change it. If you are not the lawyer named at the top of the form you must contact the referring office to arrange a transfer.
3.	Contribution	Deduct amount collected from total bill and give receipt to client.
4.	Special Instructions	Special Instructions may limit the tariff items that may be billed, e.g. "no travel fees". If limited you must obtain written consent from referring office to expand your instructions.
5.	Number of Co-Accused	If the number is incorrect or omitted, please correct or complete and phone the referring office.
	File Number of One	If you know the LSS file number of a co-accused please write it here.
6.	Number of Additional Charges Unrecorded	If there are more than 6 charges please complete this box.



#### CHARGE INFORMATION SECTION

7. Number of charges If there are additional charges on a different information number contact the referring office. Your client may have to re-apply.

8. Name of Offence If anything is wrong here, please correct it.

Legal Services Offence Code
 Code
 Look on back of Tariff Book for offence codes. Circle "A" for Attempt. Circle "C" for Conspiracy.

10. Date of Alleged Offence Fill in complete day/month/year.

11. Information or You must indicate the information number for each charge. Do not use the police file number.

12. Legal Services Code (reduced charge)

Look on back of Tariff Book for offence code. Circle "A" for Attempt. Circle "C" for Conspiracy.

#### **RESULTS SECTION**

13. Prior to Hearing
 14. Preliminary Hearing
 This section must be completed as appropriate for each charge. More than one result may be appropriate for a single charge. Tick

15. Guilty Plea or Trial all appropriate boxes for each charge.

### **Incomplete Matters**

If the matter terminated prior to hearing, indicate the reason why under "Prior to Hearing (13)".

If this termination happened on the <u>date set</u> for a preliminary hearing, guilty plea or trial **even if it did not proceed**, indicate the reason under **preliminary hearing** or **guilty plea or trial**.

If you appear prepared to go ahead on a date set for trial and the matter does not proceed, make sure you indicated this on line "18" INCOMPLETE MATTER by checking "on trial date".

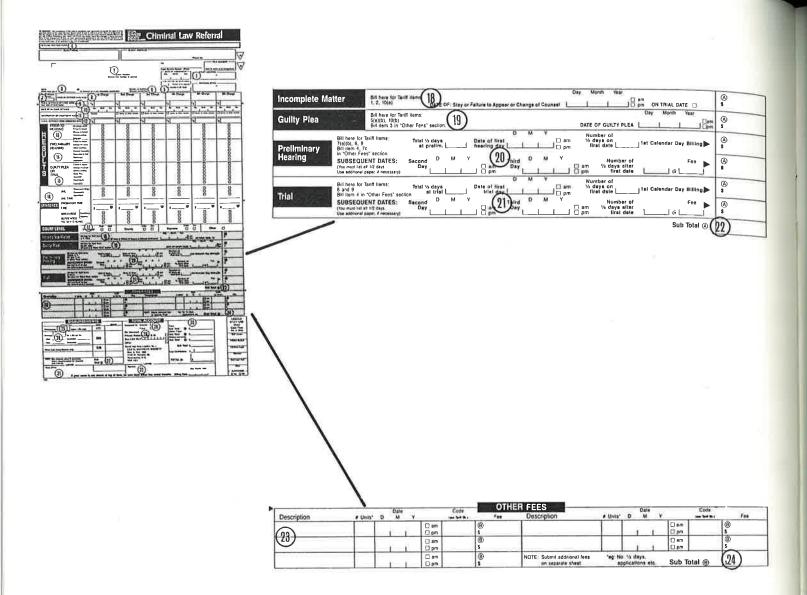
#### SENTENCE SECTION

16. Sentence

Be sure to enter <u>all</u> sentence information for <u>each</u> charge. For example, concurrent time, 6 months jail, followed by probation 2 years. Two years less a day should be written as 729 days.

Failure to provide sentencing information may result in the form being returned to you for completion.

17. Court Level Check highest applicable court level.



#### **FEES SECTION**

18. Incomplete Matter

If the date was the <a href="half-day">half-day</a> set for trial mark "on trial date". If it was not a <a href="half-day">half-day</a> set for trial, do not tick that box. Do not forget to indicate the date, and a.m. or p.m.

- 19. Guilty Plea
- 20. Preliminary Hearing

21. Trial

Financial entitlement may depend on whether or not services are rendered on a separate <u>half day</u>. Therefore be sure to check either a.m. or p.m. or both.

Consult tariff items 7, 8, 9 and 10(b) for appropriate first half-day and subsequent half-days fees for preliminary hearing and trial.

Please note that for the first half-day fees greater fees are paid for major offences, and two or more sets of facts, See "Notes" section for definitions.

You must give us all dates you were in court, whether a.m., p.m. or both. There is space for 3 days on the form. IF there were more than three days, photocopy the form on the last page of tariff book and complete. Send it in attached to the Referral form.

22. Sub Total A

The amounts you put in boxes marked "A" should include fees for the dates on the sheets you attach. Subtotal "A" should include all fees including any fees on additional sheets.

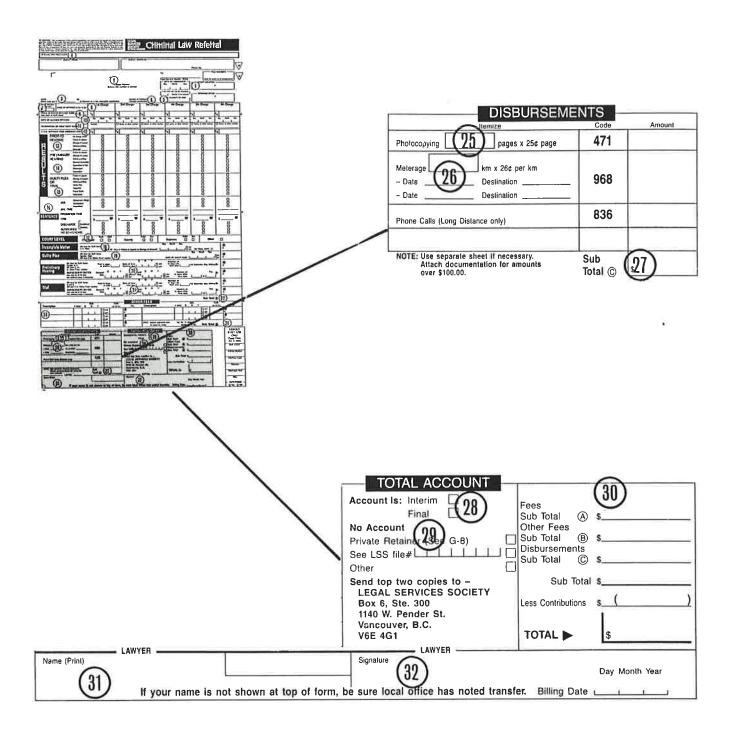
#### OTHER FEES

23. Other Fees

For applicable items see fee section of this booklet. For each item (for example visits to a client in custody), enter a brief description, the number of half days or units involved, the day, including a.m., p.m., on which the service was rendered, the code for the particular service (to be found in square brackets in the fees section of this booklet) and the applicable fee. The code numbers are particularly important. Attach copies of all authorization letters. Errors or omissions will cause delays in processing accounts. If more than five lines are required, continue on an attached sheet that you can photocopy from the last page of this booklet. Enter items in chronological sequence.

24. Sub Total B

Include in the subtotal the amounts on the additional fees from additional sheets.



#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

See Disbursements section of this book for all billable items, restrictions, codes and amounts.

- Items without codes will slow processing of your account.
- If you run out of space, use separate sheet which may be photocopied from the last page of this booklet.
- Attach receipts for amounts over \$100.
- Phone calls where total is over \$100, photocopies of a log for telephone calls are acceptable.
- Attach copies of all authorization letters.
- 25. Photocopying

Office rate or actual cost, up to \$0.25 per page.

Note that Courthouse photocopying is paid at \$0.30 per page - show on separate line and use code "497".

26. Travel

\$0.26 per kilometre.

27. Subtotal

Enter dollar and cents - include in subtotal any amounts that are

listed on the additional sheet.

#### **TOTAL ACCOUNT**

28.

Please submit form even if no fees or disbursements are being claimed.

the Introduction.

29. If no claim is made because these services have been billed under

another referral number, indicate "see file #". If no claim is claimed because of private retainer please indicate (you must have

If you wish to submit an interim account, please see the rules in

prior authority).

30. Enter dollars and cents in all spaces. Show Contributions actually

collected.

The lawyer's name and number must match the name and lawyer

number in the top portion of the form. If you have arranged to

have this referral transferred, enter your number.

Unless your number is correct, payment may be made to the wrong lawyer.

Make sure the referring office has approved a change of lawyer or

your account will be rejected.

32. If you do not sign your account, it will be returned.

## Criminal Law Referral - Additional Dates, Other Fees, Disbursements

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#### OFFENCE CODES

#### 1. Assaults/Wounding

158 - Common Assault

117 - Assault BH

919 - Assault/obst. p.o., resist arrest

240 - Wounding

752 - Assault, other indictable

679 - Assault, other summary

#### 2. Sexual Offences

554 - Aggrav. sexual assault (273)

380 - Sexual assault other indictable

745 - Sexual assault, summary

976 - Sex, other indictable

109 - Sex, other summary

#### 3. Homicide

638 - Murder

125 - Manslaughter

232 - Criminal negligence causing death

646 - Homicide, other (infanticide etc.)

026 - Material Witness to murder

#### 4. Kidnapping

463 - Kidnapping, confinement, abduction, seizure

#### 5. Weapons/Threats

216 - Weapons: carry, point, possess, prohib/restr.224 - Threatening, intimidation

992 - Weapons, other indict. explosives or dischg.

364 - Weapons, other summary

### 6. Robbery

513 - Robbery with offensive weapon

596 - Other robbery incl. by assault

#### 7. Theft and P.S.P.

182 - Theft over \$1000 (\$200) incl. from M.V.

208 - Theft under \$1000 (\$200) incl. from M.V.

133 - Taking car w/o owner consent, joyride

794 - P.S.P. over \$1000 (\$200)

612 - P.S.P. under \$1000 (\$200)

#### **Breaking & Entering & Property**

695 - Break & enter (bus. or res.) breakout

398 - Possess. house break instruments

729 - Arson

489 - Wilful damage to property

901 - Mischief (any amount)

604 - Trespass, prowl, damage under \$1000 (\$200)

802 - Other property

#### 9. Fraud

430 - Fraud, false pretences - over \$1000 (\$200)

588 - Fraud, false pretences - under \$1000 (\$200)

877 - Breach of trust, impersonation, forgery

331 - Other fraud offences, indictable

414 - Other fraud offences, summary

#### 10. Drinking & Driving

174 - Impaired/.08 (new s.253)

943 - Fail/refuse to provide breath sample

#### 11. Other Driving Offences

190 - CCC danger drive, fail. remain, crim. neg.

323 - CCC driving, other indictable

299 - CCC driving, other summary

422 - MVA drive while suspended

273 - Other MVA or provincial incl. susp/ins./points

#### 12. Drug Offences - Possession

620 - Possess cannabis

166 - Possess opiates incl. codeine

935 - Possess restr. drug incl. LSD, STP

828 - Other drug poss.

#### 13. Drug Offences - Trafficking

950 - PPT, cannabis

653 - PPT, opiates

505 - PPT, controlled or restr. drugs

893 - Trafficking in cannabis

737 - Trafficking in opiates

836 - Trafficking, control or restr. drugs

927 - Importing narcotics

869 - Cultivating, drug/narcotic

539 - Drug trafficking, other indictable

#### 14. Gaming & Betting

257 - Found in game or betting house

372 - Lotteries, cheat at play, bookmaking

810 - Gaming & betting, other summary

349 - Gaming & betting, other indictable

#### 15. Prostitution

851 - Prostitution, indict., incl. living off avails

885 - Prostitution, summary, incl. soliciting

#### 16. Court Process and Peace Bond

547 - Fail to appear 265 - Court, other indict. incl. perjury

497 - Courts, other summary: breach of probation, contempt

562 - S.810 - Keep the peace

968 - S.811 - Breach of recognizance

786 - Peace bond, other summary

471 - Unlawfully at large or escape

356 - Violate judicial interim release

760 - Escape, other indictable incl. permit

406 - Escape, other summary

#### 18. Other Hearings

307 - Coroner's inquest

19. 455 - Other CCC indictable: highjack, bribe, etc.

844 - Other CCC summary: disturbance, etc.

#### 20. Other Federal Offences

570 - UIC offence

984 - Other federal, incl. bankrupt, excise, customs

### 21. Provincial Offences (except MVA)

711 - G.A.I.N. Act

315 - Wildlife Act

281 - Other provincial incl. liquor, SS tax

#### 22. Municipal By-Laws

661 - Municipal by-laws