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Limiting your family law referral

LSS authorizes extended services for a limited number of cases that meet specific criteria, *provided there is available budget*. Current projections for family tariff spending require us to reduce the number of extended services authorizations we approve. [Find out more...](#)



New criminal law managing lawyer

Camran Chaichian has joined LSS as our new managing lawyer in criminal law services. He has 21 years' practice experience, primarily in criminal law. Much of his work has been representing legal aid clients in Provincial Court. He has also provided duty counsel services around the Lower Mainland. Camran replaces Malcolm Jeffcock, who returned to Nova Scotia after two years with LSS.

Criminal law practice changes

The Provincial Court is actively preparing for changes to trial scheduling in November. The Provincial Court Scheduling Project has conducted consultations with a number of groups, including representatives from the defence bar and LSS. Implementation details are expected in the coming months. [Find out more...](#)

Immigration consequences of criminal sentencing for permanent residents

On June 19, 2013, Bill C-43, *Faster Removal of Foreign Criminals Act* came into force. It has a serious impact on the immigration status of permanent residents of Canada.

A permanent resident loses their right to appeal a removal order to the Immigration Appeal Division (IAD) if they're convicted of a serious crime (where a ten year or higher sentence may be imposed) and have received a term of imprisonment of at least **six months** (previously, this term was at least two years).

Not having access to an appeal to the IAD is extremely serious since only the IAD can consider humanitarian and compassionate factors, such as length of time in Canada, lack of connections to home country, rehabilitation, seriousness of crime, etc.

For more information, see Peter Edlmann's paper "[Immigration Consequences at Sentencing,](#)" prepared for the TLABC and available on the LSS website under Lawyers→Practice resources→Non-LSS resources.

Criminal Case Management questionnaire — now more user-friendly

Our updated Criminal Case Management (CCM) questionnaire now allows you to save in-progress drafts. Note that you now need to use the questionnaire for all of your CCM requests. (See the [May LAB](#).)

Community Engagement evaluation

We recently completed an evaluation of our Community Engagement program to determine whether the program was meeting its objectives. Launched in 2011, the program provides organizations in 24 rural, remote, and Aboriginal communities with small annual grants to deliver

public legal education and information services, assist people applying for legal aid, and promote legal aid awareness.

The evaluation showed that partnering with community intermediaries can significantly enhance people's access to justice and their ability to resolve legal problems in a timely manner. The evaluation also found that the program is making a difference by providing much needed, in-person assistance to marginalized people in the communities. The [full report](#) is available on the LSS website.

Gladue evaluation



An [evaluation](#) of LSS's Gladue Report Pilot Project is now posted on our website. The pilot project (funded largely by the Law Foundation of BC) trained writers to prepare Gladue reports and funded preparation of the reports. [Find out more...](#)

New toll-free numbers for transcripts

Transcript service provider JC WordAssist now has toll-free numbers for each of its offices. Our Disbursements Tariff includes the updated numbers.

Nanaimo	1-888-811-9882 (phone) 1-800-754-3020 (fax)
Prince George	1-877-966-0665
Vancouver	1-877-979-0996
Vernon	1-888-679-5599
Victoria	1-877-979-0997

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