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## Message to the Tariff Bar

### **Transition of Gladue report services on April 1, 2021: What you need to know**

Beginning April 1, 2021, the Gladue Services Department of the [BC First Nations Justice Council](#) (BCFNJC) will be responsible for the administration and management of the Gladue report program in BC.

The transition is part of the [First Nations Justice Strategy](#) agreed to by the BCFNJC and the provincial government.

Legal Aid BC (LABC) will be responsible for the completion and management of all Gladue report requests submitted through the [Lawyer Portal](#) before the end of the day Wednesday, March 31. This includes assigning the request to a report writer, reviewing the report, paying the Gladue report disbursement and related matters.

To request Gladue reports after March 31, please go to the [First Nations Justice Council's Gladue reports portal](#). Beginning April 1, the Gladue Services Department of the BC First Nations Justice Council will be responsible for all report requests and for all other aspects of the Gladue program in BC.

LABC's Gladue fee in the criminal tariff for making Gladue submissions on behalf of your client will not change.

In March of 2020, the Attorney General and Solicitor General, in partnership with the First Nations Leadership Council (the executive of the three provincial First Nations leadership organizations) and the First Nations Justice Council signed the BC First Nations Justice Strategy.

The aim of the strategy is to transform the justice system for Indigenous people, to reduce overrepresentation in both the criminal and child protection systems, and to support First Nations to restore their justice systems and structures.

LABC launched the Gladue report program as a pilot project in 2011 following consultation with Indigenous communities around the province that highlighted the urgent need to advance Gladue rights. The program was initially funded by the Law Foundation and since 2018 has been funded by the provincial government. LABC is proud to have worked with a dedicated group of writers, reviewers, and lawyers, and with an equally dedicated group of Indigenous Elders and organizations around the province to support Indigenous justice in BC.

The transition of the Gladue reports program to the FNJC is an important step toward self-determined justice for Indigenous people in BC.

For questions relating to reports requested before April 1, please contact [gladue.coordinator@legalaid.bc.ca](mailto:gladue.coordinator@legalaid.bc.ca).

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