

Suspended: new early preparation fee and changes to the arraignment court process fee

The Legal Services Society recently announced changes to the rules for the arraignment court process fee and the introduction of an early preparation fee (see [Notice to Counsel #57](#) on our website at www.lss.bc.ca under For lawyers > Notices to Counsel). These changes were to have taken effect on July 10, 2007.

Since the notice appeared, we have received clear and considered feedback from lawyers around the province suggesting that the announced changes will not promote best practices. We thank all of those who took the time to send their concerns to us. LSS has taken the time to re-examine our data with these concerns in mind. We have concluded that we need to do further analysis before we can implement fair and effective tariff structures that compensate counsel for appropriate early preparation.

The implementation of the changes announced in [Notice to Counsel #57](#) is suspended until further notice.

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