



## Increased Rates for Psychologists and Interpreters

Counsel is advised that, effective July 15, 2009, the Legal Services Society (LSS) is:

- increasing the rate for psychologists to up to \$130 per hour (the current rate is up to \$114 per hour). Rates on existing authorizations will not change; authorizations after July 15, 2009 will be at the new rate;
- introducing a new tariff code (768) and increasing the rate for interpreters for the hearing impaired to up to \$50 per hour (the current rate is up to \$35 per hour); and
- introducing a new item (tariff code 939) and rate for certified language interpreters, billable up to \$35 per hour for services performed after July 15, 2009.

**Note:** LSS recognizes certification through membership status with the Society of Translators and Interpreters of BC, completion of the Vancouver Community College Court Interpreters Program, and/or completion of a recognized interpreter certification program.

These changes will be reflected in the *Guide to Legal Aid Tariffs* update scheduled for July 15, 2009. Background information on these changes will be provided in the upcoming *Legal Aid Fax*.

LSS welcomes your feedback. Please direct any comments to [lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca](mailto:lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca).

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