



Some articling student service restrictions removed

Effective immediately, LSS has removed many of the restrictions from the services articled students may provide on legal aid referrals. These restrictions were removed to be more consistent with Law Society of BC rules and to encourage students to provide a range of referral services during their articles.

We have, however, retained some restrictions to ensure that experienced counsel act during the most critical stages of a case.

Paragraph 34 of the General Terms and Conditions now states that articling students may not act in:

- a proceeding on an indictable offence, unless the offence is within the absolute jurisdiction of a Provincial Court judge,
- the role of duty counsel, or
- a contested application for continuing custody.

The full guidelines for articling students performing legal aid referral services are set out in the [General Terms and Conditions](#) of the *LSS Tariffs*.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the LSS tariffs. If you have any comments, please email them to lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca.

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