

## Amendment to the General Terms and Conditions of the LABC Tariffs – Change of Lawyer

LABC has added a new section to the General Terms and Conditions chapter of the *LABC Tariffs* to clarify the expectations for lawyers when they want to withdraw services under a representation contract.

The new section (s.49) states that if a lawyer is unable or unwilling to continue to represent a client, or intends to remove their services under a representation contract, they must **first** inform LABC by submitting a change of counsel authorization request via the Lawyer Portal.

This process ensures that the lawyer provides LABC with advance notice of their intent to withdraw when the lawyer is the party initiating the request, and allows LABC an opportunity to appropriately manage the request.

LABC permits changes of counsel only in limited circumstances and where there is a valid reason for the change. Each request is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The updated General Terms and Conditions chapter of the LABC Tariffs is now available on the LABC website at [legalaid.bc.ca](https://legalaid.bc.ca) (under Lawyers – LABC Tariffs) and in the Lawyer Portal under Resources.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the *LABC Tariffs*. If you have any comments, please email [lawyer.support@legalaid.bc.ca](mailto:lawyer.support@legalaid.bc.ca).

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