Legal Aid Tariff of Fees

Schedule B2-1

Family – Maximum Fees Calculated on an Hourly Base

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Family Law Division, Provincial Court, and Court of King's Bench

The Family Maintenance Act
The Adoption Act
The Children's Law Act
The Child and Family Services Act
The Divorce Act

Refer to Legal Aid Tariff of Fees Schedule B2 – Family

Important Notes:

When a solicitor represents an individual regarding more than one of the above noted Acts and is dealt with in the same court at approximately the same time, then the solicitor shall be entitled to fees as for one Act only, except where they can demonstrate that they have rendered separate and distinct services with respect to the additional Act.

In the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, additional preparation time at $92 per hour may be paid considering extremely exceptional circumstances as outlined in Schedule A of the Tariff.

For all other matters not described below, the prior approval of the chief Executive Officer or designate is required.

PREPARATION and COURT time: **$92 per actual hour (or portion thereof)**

Stage	Preparation maximum	Court
Chambers / General	Up to 10 hours	Actual time
Pre-trial conference, if unresolved after Chambers/General stage	Up to 10 hours	Actual time
Lengthy pre-trial conference	After the first 5 hearing hours, up to 1 additional prep hour for each further full hearing hour, only after base pre-trial preparation time is used	Actual time
Trial	Up to 15 hours	Actual time
Lengthy trial	After the first 10 trial hours, up to 1 additional prep hour for each further full trial hour, only after base trial preparation time is used	Actual time
Appeal, with prior approval	Up to 25 hours	Actual time

1. **CHAMBERS/GENERAL:**

Preparation - Billable per hour or portion thereof, to the preparation maximum, for general preparation such as reviewing financial statements, general legal advice, the drafting of pleadings, affidavits, negotiating with opposing parties, supporting clients in negotiation, drafting or reviewing family law agreements, offers of settlement, or consent orders, supporting clients in alternative dispute resolution processes, providing collaborative law services, etc.

Court Appearance: Actual time – billable per hour or portion thereof.

2. **PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE** if the matter is not resolved at the above stage, then the following applies if the matter is to be dealt with at a Pre-trial conference.

Preparation - billable per hour or portion thereof, to the preparation maximum, for pre-trial preparation.

Additional Preparation (lengthy pre-trial conference) - When pre-trial conferences last more than 5 hours, you are entitled to bill up to one hour of preparation time for each additional full hour of hearing time exceeding the first 5 hours.

This item is applicable only if the hours for Pre-trial preparation have been maximized.

Court Appearance: Actual time – billable per hour or portion thereof.

3. **TRIAL** - if the matters are required to go to trial.

Preparation - billable per hour or portion thereof, to the preparation maximum, for trial preparation.

Additional Preparation (lengthy trials) - When trial exceeds 10 hours, additional preparation time is available. You are entitled to bill up to one hour of preparation time for each additional full hour of court time that exceeds the first 10 hours.

This item is applicable only if the hours for Trial preparation have been maximized.

Court Appearance: Actual time – billable per hour or portion thereof.

4. **ALL APPEALS** - The prior approval of the Chief Executive Officer or designate is required. In addition, the Chief Executive Officer or designate will allow reasonable disbursements for printing of transcripts, factums, and appeal books.

Preparation - billable per hour or portion thereof, to the preparation maximum.

Court Appearance: Actual time – billable per hour or portion thereof.