



Members' Special Circumstances Fund

The Canadian Bar Association recognizes that individual lawyers occasionally take on work in the public interest that may generate very minimal income.

The Canadian Bar Association recognizes that members in those circumstances may not be able to retain their membership for economic reasons.

The Canadian Bar Association acknowledges the contribution these individuals make to the legal profession and to the public at large. In an effort to assist our members in these circumstances, the Canadian Bar Association has created a "Members' Special Circumstances Fund" to which members can apply for the purposes of requesting the fund pay their CBA membership fees for the year.

The criteria in determining whether an applicant qualifies for access to the fund are as follows:

- (a) The applicant's gross income must be less than \$29,000 per year.
- (b) The applicant is providing legal services to members of the public and those services are advancing the public's interest.
- (c) The applicant has been a member of the Canadian Bar Association for at least 18 months prior to submitting the application.
- (d) The applicant concurrent with the filing of the application will submit a copy of his/her Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment (the immediate past taxation year).

The applicant will be funded for 12 months and is eligible to seek assistance from the fund for a total of three years. However, an application must be submitted for each year.

The Members' Special Circumstances Fund has been created by the Canadian Bar Association to recognize those situations where a CBA member is performing outstanding services to the community.

Jury

The applications for funding for the Members' Special Circumstances Fund will be considered by a jury made up of the Director of Membership, the Associate Executive Director, and the Treasurer of the Canadian Bar Association.

Fund

The Fund will be in the amount of \$3,000 indexed annually, and when the fund is exhausted no further applications will be considered for that year.