
Memorandum

To: All CBABC members

Date: 6/7/2005

Re: **LSBC Referendum - Message from CBABC President**

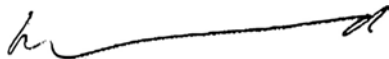
Dear Colleagues:

In the last few days, we have had CBA members asking us about the Law Society of BC's decision to set the 2006 Practice Fee by referendum, and about the CBA's role in the process. I bring to your attention the following facts:

1. The CBA stated at the Benchers meeting where this issue was decided, that the Practice Fee ought to be set at the Law Society's Annual General Meeting, which provides members with the opportunity to debate and question the rationale for the Practice Fee amount.
2. The CBA also made clear to the Benchers that we had no intention of bringing to the Annual General Meeting the matter of universal membership in the CBA, nor any motion that proposed inclusion of a CBA fee in the Practice Fee.

The CBABC intends to continue to strongly advocate that Practice Fees be set at the Annual General Meeting of the Law Society so that there can be the *in personam* discussion and debate, which a referendum eliminates from the process.

Regards,



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