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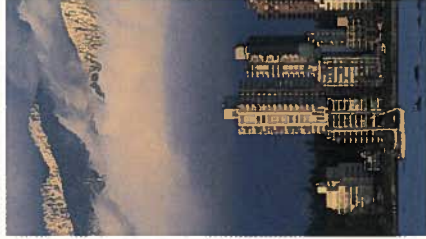


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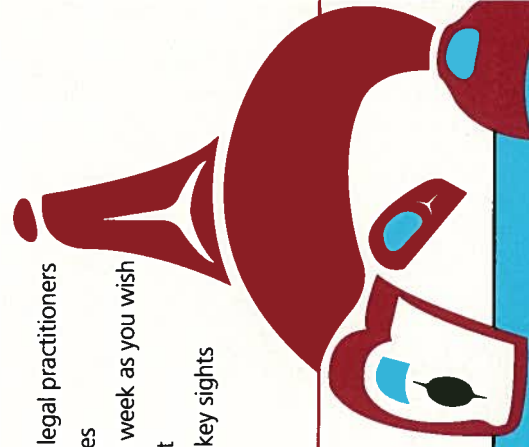
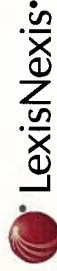
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NATIONAL FEE RANGES (Sample size 598)

		MIN	MAX	AVG
Civil Litigation	Civil action trial (two days)	\$18,185	\$62,843	\$26,444
	Civil action appeal only	10,180	34,271	16,663
Corporate	Secured financing agreement	2,493	20,133	5,133
	Simple, small business incorporation	725	1,404	944
	Simple prospectus	12,250	49,338	20,487
Criminal	Summary criminal offence (one-day trial)	2,294	6,468	3,484
	Bail hearing	732	2,312	1,118
	Criminal offence (one-day trial)	2,931	10,001	4,284
Family	Uncontested divorce	1,049	2,433	1,379
	Contested divorce	5,998	53,088	12,437
	Separation agreement	1,158	5,501	2,005
	Child custody and support agreement	1,419	7,431	2,794
Immigration	Work permit	1,287	3,664	2,462
	Spousal sponsorship	2,340	4,644	3,080
	Skilled worker application	2,636	5,072	3,734
Intellectual Property	Simple patent application	3,740	12,042	6,131
	Simple trademark registration	1,015	2,147	1,412
	Patent audit	2,020	15,000	5,396
Real Estate	Residential real estate purchase	632	1,413	827
	Residential real estate sale and purchase	1,045	2,212	1,298
	Commercial property purchase	1,736	8,623	2,882
	Commercial lease agreement	918	3,777	1,573
Wills and Estates	Simple will	257	521	344
	Complex will	623	1,811	943
	Power of attorney	117	243	156
	Probate	1,536	8,469	2,587



NATIONAL FEE RANGES 1-4 LAWYER FIRM (Sample size 326)

		MIN	MAX	AVG
Civil Litigation	Civil action trial (two days)	\$10,272	\$29,293	\$15,070
	Civil action appeal only	8,683	21,853	12,333
Corporate	Secured financing agreement	989	5,357	1,822
	Simple, small business incorporation	684	1,254	915
	Simple prospectus	2,700	14,400	3,400
Criminal	Summary criminal offence (one-day trial)	2,350	6,238	3,518
	Bail hearing	718	2,170	1,109
	Criminal offence (one-day trial)	3,029	8,751	4,263
Family	Uncontested divorce	1,021	2,109	1,212
	Contested divorce	5,212	50,664	12,348
	Separation agreement	1,028	4,766	1,790
	Child custody and support agreement	1,185	5,396	1,975
Immigration	Work permit	1,079	2,629	1,843
	Spousal sponsorship	2,430	3,660	2,905
	Skilled worker application	2,725	4,538	3,645
Intellectual Property	Simple patent application	3,031	9,750	4,500
	Simple trademark registration	821	1,955	1,219
	Patent audit	940	5,000	2,550
Real Estate	Residential real estate purchase	620	1,346	802
	Residential real estate sale and purchase	1,044	1,965	1,296
	Commercial property purchase	1,512	6,283	2,271
	Commercial lease agreement	822	3,055	1,388
Wills and Estates	Simple will	231	430	294
	Complex will	534	1,445	751
	Power of attorney	111	222	148
	Probate	1,451	6,742	2,454

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NATIONAL FEE RANGES 5-25 LAWYER FIRM (Sample size 164)

	MIN	MAX	AVG
Civil Litigation			
Civil action trial (two days)	\$11,996	\$36,691	\$21,790
Civil action appeal only	11,053	33,066	20,037
Corporate			
Secured financing agreement	1,153	8,553	2,263
Simple, small business incorporation	716	1,314	899
Simple prospectus	1,188	2,938	1,450
Criminal			
Summary criminal offence (one-day trial)	2,088	6,380	3,058
Bail hearing	666	2,237	931
Criminal offence (one-day trial)	2,500	7,615	3,691
Family			
Uncontested divorce	1,000	2,216	1,418
Contested divorce	6,993	61,595	12,523
Separation agreement	1,206	6,552	2,121
Child custody and support agreement	1,433	10,239	2,758
Immigration			
Work permit	814	2,632	1,583
Spousal sponsorship	1,500	3,750	2,417
Skilled worker application	1,275	2,722	2,370
Intellectual Property			
Simple patent application	3,600	12,250	6,500
Simple trademark registration	1,094	2,227	1,523
Patent audit	1,667	16,667	5,000
Real Estate			
Residential real estate purchase	663	1,492	879
Residential real estate sale and purchase	1,021	2,406	1,268
Commercial property purchase	1,895	9,303	2,988
Commercial lease agreement	913	3,467	1,598
Wills and Estates			
Simple will	275	520	413
Complex will	696	1,924	1,147
Power of attorney	116	224	152
Probate	1,556	5,966	2,729



NATIONAL FEE RANGES 26+ LAWYER FIRM (Sample size 108)

	MIN	MAX	AVG
Civil Litigation			
Civil action trial (two days)	\$18,603	\$165,368	\$51,875
Civil action appeal only	13,100	52,850	20,641
Corporate			
Secured financing agreement	1,359	57,250	5,508
Simple, small business incorporation	807	1,593	965
Simple prospectus	22,500	65,000	25,000
Criminal			
Summary criminal offence (one-day trial)	1,167	7,667	2,000
Bail hearing	500	3,000	750
Criminal offence (one-day trial)	1,667	9,500	4,300
Family			
Uncontested divorce	1,222	3,056	1,435
Contested divorce	5,056	31,667	7,050
Separation agreement	1,560	6,250	2,505
Child custody and support agreement*	1,794	7,063	7,600
Immigration			
Work permit	1,138	3,500	2,375
Spousal sponsorship	2,266	6,333	2,875
Skilled worker application	3,333	6,667	3,500
Intellectual Property			
Simple patent application	4,333	13,167	5,580
Simple trademark registration	1,115	2,010	1,381
Patent audit	500	50,000	8,333
Real Estate			
Residential real estate purchase	658	1,653	895
Residential real estate sale and purchase	1,143	3,750	1,391
Commercial property purchase	2,688	21,700	6,040
Commercial lease agreement	1,439	8,405	2,577
Wills and Estates			
Simple will	387	1,116	489
Complex will	1,036	3,712	1,520
Power of attorney	170	460	222
Probate	1,974	24,235	3,093

* In this category, more responses were received for average fees charged than for maximum and minimum fees charged.



ONTARIO FEE RANGES (Sample size 312)

	MIN	MAX	AVG
Civil Litigation			
Civil action trial (two days)	\$14,825	\$97,799	\$31,561
Civil action appeal only	14,067	49,358	21,813
Corporate			
Secured financing agreement	1,169	5,434	2,212
Simple, small business incorporation	750	1,440	1,019
Simple prospectus	5,000	10,000	6,000
Criminal			
Summary criminal offence (one-day trial)	2,644	6,868	3,812
Bail hearing	799	2,309	1,205
Criminal offence (one-day trial)	3,388	9,620	4,476
Family			
Uncontested divorce	938	1,367	1,015
Contested divorce	4,600	49,587	11,113
Separation agreement	1,233	6,843	2,310
Child custody and support agreement	1,543	7,893	2,625
Immigration			
Work permit	974	2,262	1,700
Spousal sponsorship	1,957	3,168	2,474
Skilled worker application	2,339	4,058	3,216
Intellectual Property			
Simple patent application	3,795	13,227	5,821
Simple trademark registration	980	2,381	1,442
Patent audit	1,375	25,000	6,667
Real Estate			
Residential real estate purchase	697	1,561	889
Residential real estate sale and purchase	1,139	2,160	1,393
Commercial property purchase	1,722	9,316	3,059
Commercial lease agreement	916	4,070	1,674
Wills and Estates			
Simple will	278	510	354
Complex will	704	2,061	982
Power of attorney	108	219	144
Probate	1,371	4,988	2,114



WESTERN REGION FEE RANGES (Sample size 242)

	MIN	MAX	AVG
Civil Litigation			
Civil action trial (two days)	\$11,949	\$35,483	\$22,325
Civil action appeal only	8,817	24,902	15,477
Corporate			
Secured financing agreement	823	7,382	1,428
Simple, small business incorporation	676	1,220	807
Simple prospectus	11,139	33,528	12,659
Criminal			
Summary criminal offence (one-day trial)	2,006	6,121	3,094
Bail hearing	606	2,172	883
Criminal offence (one-day trial)	2,391	7,363	3,785
Family			
Uncontested divorce	1,092	3,006	1,519
Contested divorce	7,636	64,717	14,769
Separation agreement	1,116	4,783	1,777
Child custody and support agreement	1,238	7,786	3,194
Immigration			
Work permit	1,004	3,436	2,083
Spousal sponsorship	2,369	5,192	3,073
Skilled worker application	2,411	4,444	3,225
Intellectual Property			
Simple patent application	3,938	10,625	5,250
Simple trademark registration	1,049	2,081	1,328
Patent audit	867	12,500	4,719
Real Estate			
Residential real estate purchase	577	1,209	752
Residential real estate sale and purchase	987	2,393	1,214
Commercial property purchase	1,853	10,359	3,479
Commercial lease agreement	1,010	4,103	1,698
Wills and Estates			
Simple will	242	508	343
Complex will	538	1,520	933
Power of attorney	124	251	159
Probate	1,896	13,342	3,372



ATLANTIC/QUEBEC REGION FEE RANGES (Sample size 69)

	MIN	MAX	AVG
Civil Litigation			
Civil action trial (two days)	\$12,974	\$36,184	\$21,143
Civil action appeal only	9,214	26,821	14,438
Corporate			
Secured financing agreement	1,471	43,404	5,178
Simple, small business incorporation	747	1,436	929
Simple prospectus	14,000	41,000	13,333
Criminal			
Summary criminal offence (one-day trial)	1,273	4,577	1,847
Bail hearing	471	1,529	664
Criminal offence (one-day trial)	1,833	6,750	3,017
Family			
Uncontested divorce	1,093	2,235	1,333
Contested divorce	3,375	25,219	5,474
Separation agreement	670	2,390	976
Child custody and support agreement	712	2,893	1,084
Immigration			
Work permit	n/a	n/a	n/a
Spousal sponsorship	n/a	n/a	n/a
Skilled worker application	n/a	n/a	n/a
Intellectual Property			
Simple patent application	4,000	12,375	5,080
Simple trademark registration	775	1,807	1,080
Patent audit	500	50,000	8,333
Real Estate			
Residential real estate purchase	579	1,461	789
Residential real estate sale and purchase	895	1,938	1,092
Commercial property purchase	1,810	11,684	3,525
Commercial lease agreement	899	4,290	1,621
Wills and Estates			
Simple will	215	642	305
Complex will	662	2,100	797
Power of attorney	137	338	189
Probate	818	5,359	1,565



HOURLY RATES (Average)

	2009	2005	2000
National	\$185	\$250	\$317
Atlantic-Quebec Region	170	224	271
Ontario	203	258	333
Western Region	178	263	327
1-4 lawyers in firm	201	239	294
5-25 lawyers in firm	173	250	328
26+ lawyers in firm	186	263	359

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