

FINAL

**REVISED TARIFF FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS' FEES – 2019 VALID UP TO JANUARY 2021
(PLEASE NOTE THE TARIFF FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS' FEES SHOULD BE REVISED EVERY TWO YEARS)**

WISE FEES FOR ALL NOTARIAL DOCUMENTS

Up to \$50,000.00	- 1%
From \$50,000.00 - \$150,000.00	- 0.5%
Over \$150,000.00	- 0.25%

NOTARIAL FEES

SALES, MORTGAGES, DONATIONS, PARTITIONS, LEASES, TRANSFERS and Vesting Assent (Designation and Vesting Assent) and other conveyances

(a) Where the value of the property is \$250.00 or less	- \$150.00
(b) Where the value of the property exceeds \$250.00 as follows: <u>plus</u> (interviews, meetings, office service charge to be added)	- \$250.00 (basic fee)
2 ½ % of value up to \$50,000.00 - \$51,000.00	- \$1,250.00
1 ½% from \$51,000.00 to \$150,000.00	- \$1,500.00
1% from \$151,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00	- \$8,500.00
1/2% from \$1,000,001.00 to \$5,000,000.00	- \$20,000.00
0.25% from \$5,000,000.00 upwards	

SEARCHES – Basic Fee per parcel of land/transaction \$150.00

AGREEMENTS FOR SALE INCLUDING TRANSFER OF SHARES ½ as for Deed of Sale

DISCHARGES or RADIATIONS \$250.00 in respect of the first \$1,000.00, \$1.00 for each \$500.00 or part thereof PLUS STAMP DUTY and registration (see below)

DEED OF DEPOSIT \$500.00 PLUS Disbursements

POWERS OF ATTORNEY \$750.00 minimum PLUS Disbursements (fees increasing depending on nature, difficulty and if apostilled)

MARRIAGE CONTRACT 1,500.00 PLUS Disbursements (to be increased according to degree of difficulty)

MARRIAGE LICENCE \$850.00 PLUS Disbursements

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT \$750.00 minimum (fees increasing depending on nature and difficulty) (if WILL being signed outside chambers, fees for transportation etc. should be added)

SECOND NOTARY for
 LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT \$300.00 minimum
 NOTORIZING LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT BY EXECUTING NOTARY WHO HAS CUSTODY OF THE ORIGINAL
 WILL – FEES TO BE CHARGED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE NOTARY WHO IS CUSTODIAN OF ORIGINAL
 WILL.

SUCCESSIONS

**APPLICATIONS FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION -3% - 5% of the value of the estate (succession)plus
 filing fees according to the New Probate Rules – see Statutory Instrument 2017 No.104**

OR

A MINIMUM BASIC FEE \$5000.00 FOR VERY SIMPLE APPLICATIONS PLUS filing fees (see
 New Probate Rules for filing fees)

DESIGNATION & VESTING ASSENT follow NOTARIAL FEES above

APPLICATIONS FOR PROBATE)
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APPLICATIONS FOR RESEALING OF)
PROBATE/)
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION) FEES Same as LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION ABOVE and
 Designation & Vesting Deed flowing from a Reseal same as
 Designation & Vesting Assent for LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
 AND PROBATES (SEE NOTARIAL FEES)

CONDUCTING AND PREPARING
INVENTORIES \$500.00 minimum

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME \$1,500.00 PLUS Disbursements

HIRE PURCHASE DOCUMENT 1% of value

OTHER DEEDS Fees should be charged according to nature, value, difficulty
 \$500.00 minimum

PRODUCING COPIES OF
NOTARIAL DEEDS \$20.00 minimum

APPOINTMENT FEES \$100.00 PER ½ HOUR (FOR JUNIOR LAWYERS)
 \$ 200.00 PER ½ HOUR (FOR SENIORS OTHER THAN QUEEN’S
 COUNSELS)

PROTEST BILL OF EXCHANGE \$750.00 minimum PLUS Disbursements

SHIPPING PROTEST \$750.00 minimum PLUS filing fees

SERVICES REQUIRED FOR
SECOND NOTARY

\$300.00 FOR THE SECOND NOTARY

SALE OF MOVABLES

Same as immovables

BILLS OF SALE

\$200.00 up to \$10,000.00 then after ½% of balance PLUS Disbursements which are Stamp Duty and registration fees

DEED POLL (Notice of Change of Name) \$500.00 PLUS Disbursements which are Stamp Duty and registration fees

RECTIFICATIONS

\$500.00 minimum PLUS Disbursements

AFFIDAVITS, STATUTORY

DECLARATIONS

\$250.00

LAWYERS LETTERS/NOTICES TO QUIT

\$250.00 minimum

APPLICATIONS FOR DIVORCE

UNCONTESTED

BASIC FEE

\$4,000.00 PLUS filing fees up to Decree Nisi

Ancillary Applications

\$4,000.00 minimum (increasing fees based on complexity)

Applying for and obtaining

Decree Absolute

\$500.00

CONTESTED

BASIC FEE

\$6,000.00 PLUS filing fees up to Decree Nisi

Ancillary Applications

\$6000.00 minimum (increasing fees based on complexity)

PRELIMINARY APPLICATION IN DIVORCE

BASIC FEE

\$2,000.00 PLUS other charges depending on circumstances

COMPANIES

INCORPORATING COMPANY

including company name search
/reservation and preparation of

Bye Laws:

\$5,000.00 PLUS Filing Fees

Amendment of Bye Laws

\$500.00

Preparing allotment of Shares

\$350.00 PLUS Filing Fees

Change of Secretary

\$350.00 PLUS Filing Fees

Obtaining Seal/Stamp for the Company \$100.00 PLUS Cost of Seal/Stamp

Obtaining Certificate of Good Standing \$150.00 PLUS disbursements

INCORPORATING NON-PROFIT

COMPANIES

SAME AS COMPANY

PREPARATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS

LOCAL COMPANIES \$600.00 PLUS Filing Fees
FOREIGN COMPANIES \$700.00 PLUS Filing Fees

SHARE TRANSFER DOCUMENTS

MINIMUM FEES \$500.00

APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS NAME \$1,000.00 PLUS Filing Fees

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS \$4,000.00 PLUS Filing Fees

KEEPING ACCOUNTS

ON BEHALF OF CLIENTS Fees to be agreed with client

APPLICATION FOR ALIEN

LAND HOLDING LICENCE

(FOR DEED OF SALE

see NOTARIAL FEES ABOVE)

3% to 5% on Deed of Sale

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP

THROUGH MINISTRY FOR

HOME AFFAIRS

Basic Fee \$5,000.00

APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCY

Basic Fee \$3,000.00

APPLICATION FOR WORK PERMIT

\$1,500.00

DEBT COLLECTION:

Overseas Fees

20%

Local Fees

10%

APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION

Fees \$4,000.00 PLUS filing fees and Fees of the Tutor Ad hoc

HIGH COURT MATTERS – CIVIL COURTS

RETAINER

\$5,000.00 minimum (Refresher to be charged depending on circumstance of case) also by agreement with client.

DISTRICT COURT MATTERS - CIVIL

RETAINER

\$1,000.00 PLUS all filing fees/Disbursements depending on nature and number of attendance/applications by Counsel-also by agreement with client.

MISCELLANEOUS

Where the value of the property is not ascertainable and a notarial document is required, the nature of work if not designated should follow whenever possible the pattern of sales etc according to NOTARIAL FEES above.

CURRENT GOVERNMENT STAMP DUTY

<u>BILLS OF SALE STAMP DUTY</u>	0.25% of value registration \$5.00
<u>DEEDS OF SALE</u>	2% of consideration PLUS \$10.00 for every copy to be registered.
<u>REGISTRATION LAND REGISTRY</u>	Registration Fee of all notarial documents is calculated by Land Registry at \$20.00 per parcel
<u>MORTGAGES STAMP DUTY</u>	0.25% of amount borrowed plus \$10.00 for every copy to be registered
<u>DONATIONS</u>	Stamp Duty and registration - same as Sales
<u>DEEDS OF PARTITION - STAMP DUTY</u>	\$5.00 plus \$10.00 for every copy to be registered - registration as in Sales
<u>DESIGNATION AND VESTING DEEDS</u>	\$10.00 plus \$10.00 for every copy to be registered - registration as in Sales
<u>POWERS OF ATTORNEY STAMP DUTY</u>	\$10.00 plus \$10.00 for every copy
<u>DEEDS OF DEPOSIT – STAMP DUTY</u> NOTE: Powers of Attorney and Deeds of Deposit	\$10.00 plus \$10.00 for every copy Registration is \$20.00 at Land Registry; At Deeds & Mortgages (High Court) \$1.00 for every 10 lines????
<u>LEASES – STAMP DUTY</u>	Calculated by Inland Revenue on the yearly rental – registration at Land Registry is at \$20.00 per parcel of land
<u>TRANSFERS AND OTHER CONVEYANCES</u>	
Basic Stamp Duty	\$10.00 plus \$10.00 for every copy registered.

NOTE: All Stamp Duty must be paid within one month of the date noted on the Deed otherwise penalties will be attached by Inland Revenue. Refer to Stamp Duty Act
Similarly, registration at the Land Registry must be done within one month of the date presented for registration otherwise penalties will be attached by Land Registry. Refer to Land Registration Rules

PLEASE NOTE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ARE REQUIRED to charge an Administration Fee or Office Service charge to cover emails sent or received, postage, telephone/cellphone calls – MINIMUM FEE \$250.00.

PRACTITIONERS ARE REQUIRED TO CHARGE AN HOURLY RATE BASED ON EXPERIENCE IN THE PARTICULAR FIELD OF WORK

Recommended:

1-3 years hourly rate - \$250.00

4-7 years hourly rate - \$400.00

8-10 years hourly rate - \$600.00

above 10 years hourly rate - \$750.00

Note Q.Cs not included in the list for hourly rates are to be decided amongst them.

COLLEAGUES, it is expected of ALL LAWYERS to follow the FINAL REVISED TARIFF AS PRESENTED.

FEEES SHOULD ONLY BE DISCOUNTED FOR CLOSE FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND THE DISCOUNT SHOULD BE REFLECTED ON THE INVOICE.

ISSUED BY THE BAR COUNCIL OF SAINT LUCIA IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAINT LUCIA.