STATUTORY DECLARATION Social Service Tax Act - Tax on Legal Services

		IN THE MATTER OF:
CANADA)	[client's name],
)	dated [date]
PROVINCE OF)	
)	
BRITISH COLUMBIA)	

TO WIT:

I, [name], of [address], [City], British Columbia, DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

- 1. I have retained [firm name], Barristers and Solicitors, to represent me.
- 2. The legal services to be provided to me by [firm name] are related to the determination of my rights and obligations by courts of law or independent administrative tribunals.
- 3. There are [number] members residing in my household.
- 4. As of the date of this Statutory Declaration, my household net income is [amount per year/amount per month] and this falls at or below the applicable amounts set out in the Financial Eligibility Test on the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue's Web site and as reproduced below:

Financial Eligibility Test *

Number of family members**	Annual/Monthly net income*	
4 or fewer	\$28,000/\$2,333.33	
5	\$33,000/\$2,750.00	
6	\$35,000/\$2,916.67	
7 or more	\$38,000/\$3,166.67	

^{*} Net income amounts are those in place on February 8, 2005, when the decision was rendered.

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** "Family members" include a parent or a person looking after the children, and the children who live with that person.

Net Income

Your monthly income includes your net income from **all** sources within your family. It includes money from foster care, student loans, court awards and maintenance payments. It doesn't include the Child Tax Benefit, the BC Family Bonus, GST payments, or tuition or book fees under federal or provincial student loans.

Allowable deductions include the following:

- daycare expenses
- child or spousal maintenance payments ordered by a court or agreed to in a separation agreement - that you or your partner are paying
- court fines, that if not paid, will mean you or your partner will go to jail
- medication you must personally pay for that a doctor says is necessary for you or your dependants
- the cost of an interpreter's services if you don't speak English and need an interpreter to help prepare for court.
- Attached as Exhibit "A" to this Statutory Declaration, is documentary verification of household net income in the form of [T-4 slip, pay stub, income tax return, or other].

OR

5.	I am unable to provide documentary verification of household net inco	me
	because []	 .

6. If following the date of this Statutory Declaration there is a material change in my household net income such that it no longer falls at or below the applicable amounts set out in the Financial Eligibility Test described in paragraph 4 of this Statutory Declaration, and [firm name], Barristers and Solicitors, has provided or will be providing legal services for which I have not been billed, I will advise them of that change as soon as is practicable.

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- 7. I consent to the disclosure of this Statutory Declaration to the Government of British Columbia and I release [firm name], Barristers and Solicitors, and its lawyers, articled students, and staff from their Duty of Confidentiality to the extent necessary to enable them to produce this Statutory Declaration to the Government of British Columbia, for the sole purpose of demonstrating to the Government of British Columbia that [firm name], Barristers and Solicitors, were not required to collect tax under the Social Service Tax Act in relation to the invoices rendered to me for legal services provided.
- 8. I make this Statutory Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath or affirmation.

DECLARED BEFORE ME at [city], British Columbia)	
) [name of client]	
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A Commission for taking Affidavits)	
within British Columbia)	