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OVERVIEW

The College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Newfoundland and Labrador (CASLP-NL) may retain legal counsel to assist in carrying out any power or duty under the Health Professionals Act, the Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists Regulations or the College's Administrative Bylaws.

POLICY

CASLP-NL may retain legal counsel to help in the administration of its duties, utilizing the most efficient manner possible.

PROCEDURE

- The College Board must identify an issue that requires a legal opinion.
- The College Board will seek to deal with the identified issue by consulting with the Registrar of the Newfoundland and Labrador Council of Health Professionals (NLCHP) for advice and/or seeking legal counsel.
- The College Board may request an immediate legal opinion if legal counsel advises the Board that the opinion would require less than one hour of legal billing time.
- If seeking legal counsel, the Board:
 - may give legal counsel approval to proceed without a formal estimate if the estimate is expected to be less than \$1000.

LEGAL EXPENSES

- shall have a formal estimate for legal expenses if the expenses are expected to be over \$1000.
- The Board will review any estimate and either advise legal counsel to proceed or seek other estimates.
- When legal project(s) exceed, or are projected to exceed, the estimated cost(s), the Treasurer will request a revised estimate and advise the Board. The Board will then decide how to proceed.

APPROVED BY:



CASLP-NL Chairperson



CASLP-NL Board Member