

## **Practice Rules Compliance Committee**

### **Disclosure of Member Fees – Practice Standard**

*Code of Professional Conduct (2013) – Chapter 3, Section 3.6 Fees and Disbursements*

*rule 3.6-1*

*A lawyer must not charge or accept a fee or disbursement, including interest, unless it is fair and reasonable and has been disclosed in a timely fashion.*

The Practice Rules Compliance Committee has been informed that some members are conducting title searches themselves and including the amount as a disbursement on client statements. Members are reminded that a search which is conducted by a third party is considered a disbursement whereas a search conducted by a member is considered a fee and should be disclosed to the client as such. In all cases, it should be clearly indicated to the client when the member is charging for a service provided by the member.

Members are directed to adhere to the practice standard prescribed by the Code of Professional Conduct (2013).

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