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Ontario Fee Schedule — 2026-2027

Commercial debt collection in Ontario. Three billing modes. Published grid. All amounts in Canadian dollars, all subject to 13% HST unless otherwise noted.

I. Flat fee — single acts

SERVICE	FLAT FEE (BEFORE HST)
Demand letter — Essential (registered email)	\$395
Demand letter — Recommended (mail + email)	\$495
Demand letter — Served (process server)	\$795
File opening & conflict-of-interest review	Included

External disbursements (process server, postage, courier) billed at cost with prior written authorization.

II. Contingency — pre-litigation

Ontario pre-litigation mandate: no fees unless we recover. Percentage set at mandate signing, based on the total amount claimed.

AMOUNT CLAIMED	CONTINGENCY RATE
Up to \$10,000	28%
\$10,001 – \$35,000	25%
\$35,001 – \$100,000	22%
\$100,001 – \$500,000	20%
Above \$500,000	18%

Contingency applied to capital recovered. Interest and prejudgment interest (s. 128 Courts of Justice Act) recovered separately without applicable percentage. Disbursements billed at cost, authorized in writing in advance. Standard-form contingency agreement complies with Ontario Solicitors Act and O. Reg. 195/04.

III. Hourly — litigation, enforcement, complex files

CATEGORY	HOURLY RATE
Junior counsel (0–4 years call)	\$325 / hr
Intermediate counsel (5–9 years call)	\$385 / hr
Senior counsel (10+ years call)	\$450 / hr
Law clerk	\$150 / hr

Written estimate provided before each phase. Itemized monthly invoicing. Retainer typically requested for contested matters. Cap per phase negotiable.

IV. Reference — sample files

TYPE OF FILE	AMOUNT	MODE	RANGE
Simple demand letter	< \$25,000	Flat fee	\$395 – \$795
Portfolio of receivables	\$10,000 – \$250,000	Contingency	18 – 25%
Construction lien claim	\$25,000 – \$500,000	Hourly + flat fee	\$3,000 – \$8,000
Small Claims Court proceeding	< \$35,000	Hourly + flat fee	\$3,500 – \$9,500
Civil action — Simplified Procedure (Rule 76)	\$35,001 – \$200,000	Hourly + contingency hybrid	\$8,000 – \$28,000
Civil action — Superior Court ordinary track	> \$200,000	Hourly	\$25,000 – \$80,000+
Post-judgment enforcement	Variable	% post-judgment	18 – 25%
Foreign judgment recognition	> \$50,000	Hourly + correspondent	\$5,500 – \$18,000

V. Notes and disclosures

Ontario legal services delivered by a lawyer licensed by the Law Society of Ontario, subject to the *Rules of Professional Conduct*. Contingency fee agreements executed on Ontario's standard form under O. Reg. 195/04 (*Solicitors Act*). Costs award in Small Claims Court capped at 15% of the amount claimed; costs in Superior Court follow the ordinary rule and are typically substantial. HST at 13% applies to fees; disbursements billed at cost.

TO START A MANDATE

Free 30-minute consultation · calendly.com/emile-nicolov-creditjuris/30min

Client portal (secure file upload) · www.creditjuris.com/portail

This grid is indicative and may be revised annually. The full conditions are specified in the engagement agreement signed for each mandate. Informational document — not a contractual commitment.