

SCHEDULE 4

REPRESENTATION (HIGHER COURTS)

PART 2

Family and Children Order Proceedings – Family Care Centre

[^{F1}All proceedings including appeals from the Family Proceedings Court and Domestic Proceedings Court]

Table 1:

Solicitor – Hourly Rates

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Rate</i> |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Preparation | £58 per hour |
| Letters Written | £3.65 per item |
| Letters Received | £1.85 per item |
| Telephone Calls | £3.65 per call |
| Non Standard Telephone Call (over 5 minutes) | £58 per hour |
| Advocacy – Solicitor Alone | £64 per hour |
| Consultation with Counsel | £32.50 per hour |
| Advocacy – Solicitor with Counsel | £32.50 per hour |

Table 2:

Counsel – Composite Fees

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Composite Fee</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| On an unopposed application or a procedural issue | Standard £76.25 Maximum £127 |
| On the trial of a cause or matter, or the hearing of an application: | |
| - Where the hearing lasts for up to half a day | Standard £140 Maximum £268 |
| - Full Day | Standard £317.75 Maximum £508.50 |
| - Refresher | £140 for each additional day |
| [^{F2} Consultation and Preparation] | £35.50 per hour |
| Complex items of work (opinions, affidavits) | £82.75 per item |
| All other written work | £50.25 per item |

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Table 3:**Children Order – Proceedings under Articles 44 and 50**

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Composite Fee | £3,500 |
| Additional Full Day | £400 |
| Additional Half Day | £200 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 |
| [^{F3} 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £1,225 |
| [^{F4} 20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £700 |

Table 4:**Children Order – All Other Proceedings**

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Composite Fee | £2,000 |
| Additional Full Day | £400 |
| Additional Half Day | £200 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 |
| [^{F3} 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £700 |
| [^{F4} 20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £400 |

Table 5:**Children Order – Appeals from the Family Proceedings Court – Proceedings under Articles 44 and 50**

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Composite Fee | £1,400 |
| Additional Full Day | £400 |
| Additional Half Day | £200 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 |
| [^{F3} 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £490 |

[^{F4}20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £280
Transferred (at first directions hearing)]

Table 6:

**[^{F5}Appeals from the Family Proceedings Court and
Domestic Proceedings Court – Re Other Proceedings]**

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Composite fee | £800 |
| Additional Full Day | £400 |
| Additional Half Day | £200 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 |
| [^{F3} 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £280 Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | |
| [^{F4} 20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £160 Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | |

Table 7:

Proceedings under Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987^{M1} – Freeing Order

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Composite Fee | £3,500 |
| Additional Full Day | £400 |
| Additional Half Day | £200 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 |
| [^{F3} 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £1,225 Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | |
| [^{F4} 20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £700 Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | |

Table 8:

Combined Proceedings – Freeing Order and Article 50

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i> |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Composite Fee | £5,000 |
| Additional Full day | £400 |
| Additional Half Day | £200 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 |

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[^{F3}35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £1,750
Transferred (following first directions hearing
but before a final hearing date is set)]

[^{F4}20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £1,000
Transferred (at first directions hearing)]

Table 9:

Adoption Order – Contested

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Composite Fee | £3,500 |
| Additional Full Day | £400 |
| Additional Half Day | £200 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 |
| [^{F3} 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £1,225 |
| [^{F4} 20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £700 |

Table 10:

Adoption Order – Uncontested

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Composite Fee | £400 |
| Additional Full Day | £400 |
| Additional Half Day | £200 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 |
| [^{F3} 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £140 |
| [^{F4} 20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £80 |

Table 11:

**Proceedings under Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern
Ireland) Order 1988^{M2} –Non-Molestation / Occupation Order**

| <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i> |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Composite Fee | £528 |

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| Additional Full Day | £400 |
| Additional Half day | £200 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 |
| [^{F3} 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £184.80 |
| [^{F4} 20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £105.60 |

Table 12:

Children Order – All Proceedings

| <i>Item of Work</i> | <i>Junior Counsel</i> | <i>Senior Counsel</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Brief Fee | £2,000 | £3,000 |
| Directions and Written Work | £780 | £1,170 |
| Refresher – Full Day | £400 | £600 |
| Refresher – Half Day | £200 | £300 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 | £225 |
| [^{F6} 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £700 | £1,050 |
| [^{F7} 20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £400 | £600 |

Table 13:

[^{F8} Appeals from the Family Proceedings Court and Domestic Proceedings Court – No New Evidence]

| <i>Item of Work</i> | <i>Junior Counsel</i> | <i>Senior Counsel</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Brief Fee | £800 | £1,200 |
| Directions and Written Work | £195 | £292.50 |
| Refresher – Full Day | £400 | £600 |
| Refresher – Half Day | £200 | £300 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 | £225 |
| [^{F6} 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions | £280 | £420 |

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| hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | | |
| [^{F7} 20% Brief Fee — Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £160 | £240 |

Table 14:

[^{F9}Appeals from the Family Proceedings Court and Domestic Proceedings Court – New Evidence]

| <i>Item of Work</i> | <i>Junior Counsel</i> | <i>Senior Counsel</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Brief Fee | £1,500 | £2,250 |
| Directions and Written work | £312 | £468 |
| Refresher – Full Day | £400 | £600 |
| Refresher – Half Day | £200 | £300 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 | £225 |
| [^{F6} 35% Brief Fee — Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £525 | £787.50 |
| [^{F7} 20% Brief Fee — Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £300 | £450 |

Table 15:

Proceedings under Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987^{M3} – Freeing Order

| <i>Item of Work</i> | <i>Junior Counsel</i> | <i>Senior Counsel</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Brief Fee | £2,500 | £3,750 |
| Directions and Written Work | £780 | £1,170 |
| Refresher – Full Day | £400 | £600 |
| Refresher – Half Day | £200 | £300 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 | £225 |
| [^{F6} 35% Brief Fee — Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £875 | £1,312.50 |
| [^{F7} 20% Brief Fee — Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £500 | £750 |

Table 16:**Combined Proceedings – Freeing Order and Article 50**

| <i>Item of Work</i> | <i>Junior Counsel</i> | <i>Senior Counsel</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Brief Fee | £3,520 | £5,280 |
| Directions and Written Work | £1,170 | £1,755 |
| Refresher – Full Day | £400 | £600 |
| Refresher – Half Day | £200 | £300 |
| Judgment Fee | £200 | £300 |
| [^{F6} 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £1,232 | £1,848 |
| [^{F7} 20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £704 | 1,056 |

Table 17:**Adoption Order – Contested**

| <i>Item of Work</i> | <i>Junior Counsel</i> | <i>Senior Counsel</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Brief Fee | £2,500 | £3,750 |
| Directions and Written Work | £780 | £1,170 |
| Refresher – Full Day | £400 | £600 |
| Refresher – Half Day | £200 | £300 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 | £225 |
| [^{F6} 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £875 | £1,312.50 |
| [^{F7} 20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £500 | £750 |

Table 18:**Adoption Order – Uncontested**

| <i>Item of Work</i> | <i>Junior Counsel</i> | <i>Senior Counsel</i> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Brief Fee | £1,150 | £1,725 |

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| Directions and Written Work | £312 | £468 |
| Refresher – Full Day | £400 | £600 |
| Refresher – Half Day | £200 | £300 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 | £225 |
| [^{F6} 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £402.50 | £603.75 |
| [^{F7} 20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £230 | £345 |

Table 19:

Proceedings under Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998^{M4} –Non-Molestation / Occupation Order

| <i>Item of Work</i> | <i>Junior Counsel</i> | <i>Senior Counsel</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Brief Fee | £1,500 | £2,250 |
| Directions and Written Work | £780 | £1,170 |
| Refresher – Full Day | £400 | £600 |
| Refresher – Half Day | £200 | £300 |
| Judgment Fee | £150 | £225 |
| [^{F6} 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)] | £525 | £787.50 |
| [^{F7} 20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)] | £300 | £450 |

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 2 substituted (1.7.2019) by [The Civil Legal Services \(Remuneration\) \(Amendment\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2019 \(S.R. 2019/119\)](#), arts. 1, **8(3)(a)**
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- F4** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 2 Table 3-11 substituted (1.7.2019) by [The Civil Legal Services \(Remuneration\) \(Amendment\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2019 \(S.R. 2019/119\)](#), arts. 1, **8(3)(c)(ii)**
- F5** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 2 Table 6 heading substituted (1.7.2019) by [The Civil Legal Services \(Remuneration\) \(Amendment\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2019 \(S.R. 2019/119\)](#), arts. 1, **8(3)(e)**

- F6** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 2 Table 12-19 substituted (1.7.2019) by The Civil Legal Services (Remuneration) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (S.R. 2019/119), arts. 1, **8(3)(d)(i)**
- F7** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 2 Table 12-19 substituted (1.7.2019) by The Civil Legal Services (Remuneration) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (S.R. 2019/119), arts. 1, **8(3)(d)(ii)**
- F8** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 2 Table 13 heading substituted (1.7.2019) by The Civil Legal Services (Remuneration) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (S.R. 2019/119), arts. 1, **8(3)(f)**
- F9** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 2 Table 14 heading substituted (1.7.2019) by The Civil Legal Services (Remuneration) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (S.R. 2019/119), arts. 1, **8(3)(g)**

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- F6** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 2 Table 12-19 substituted (1.7.2019) by The Civil Legal Services (Remuneration) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (S.R. 2019/119), arts. 1, **8(3)(d)(i)**
- F7** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 2 Table 12-19 substituted (1.7.2019) by The Civil Legal Services (Remuneration) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (S.R. 2019/119), arts. 1, **8(3)(d)(ii)**
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