

SCHEDULE 1

Article 1(2)

Instruments Revoked

<i>Title</i>	<i>Registered Number</i>	<i>Regulations Revoked</i>
The Legal Aid (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965	No. 217	Regulations 19 to 21, 21A(4) to (7), 22 to 25 and 27
Legal Aid (Remuneration of Solicitors and Counsel in County Court Proceedings) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981	No. 179	The whole instrument
Legal Aid (Remuneration of Solicitors and Counsel in Authorised Summary Proceedings) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981	No. 365	The whole instrument
The Legal Advice and Assistance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981	No. 366	Regulation 23

SCHEDULE 2

Article 9

ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

PART 1

General

1. This Schedule applies to the determination of the remuneration payable to solicitors for providing advice and assistance, including those matters in which the Director has granted an extension under regulation 32 of the General Regulations.

2. Where the remuneration or fees properly chargeable for the advice and assistance including charges for disbursements exceed any contribution payable by the client to the solicitor under Part 3 of the Financial Regulations together with the value of any charge arising under Article 17(7) of the 2003 Order, the solicitor shall submit a claim to the Department requesting payment of the deficiency.

3.—(1) The Department shall determine the claim submitted under Article 8 in accordance with the rates or fees set out in Part 2 or 3 of this Schedule, as applicable, and pay the assessed deficiency, if any, to the solicitor.

(2) In this paragraph “assessed deficiency” means the amount by which the sum allowed to the solicitor by the Department in assessing the claim under sub-paragraph (1) exceeds any contribution payable by the client to the solicitor under Part 3 of the Financial Regulations together with the value of any charge arising under Article 17(7) of the 2003 Order.

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PART 2

Non-PACE matters

Table 1:

Solicitor – Hourly Rates

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Advice	£43.25 per hour
Letters/Telephone calls	£3.35 per hour
Travel and waiting time	£24.25 per hour
Mileage rate	35.7p per mile

Guide to Case Management in Public Law Children Order Proceedings (Article 50)

Table 2:

Solicitor – Composite Fees

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
Advice given to parent in relation to Letter Before Proceedings (LBP)	£144
Preparation and Attendance with Parent at Pre-Proceedings Meeting (PPM)	£347

All preparation work up to, and including, review of case by a single Parole Commissioner under Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008(1)

Table 3:

Solicitor – Standard Fees

<i>Work Type – Stage 1</i>	<i>Standard Fee</i>
Prisoner serving a Determinate Custodial Sentence (DCS)	£350
Prisoner serving an Extended Custodial Sentence (ECS)	£500
Prisoner serving an Indeterminate Custodial Sentence (ICS)	£700

(1) [S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I. 1\)](#)

PART 3

Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) matters

Table 1:

Solicitor – Hourly Rates

<i>Work Type⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Normal Hours	
Advice	£51.90 per hour
Letters/Telephone calls	£4.02 per item
Telephone advice	£23.70 per call
Travel and waiting time	£29.10 per hour
Mileage rate	42.8p per mile
Unsocial Hours ⁽²⁾	
Advice	£69.20 per hour
Letters/Telephone calls	£5.36 per item
Telephone advice	£31.60 per call
Travel and waiting time	£38.80 per hour
Mileage rate	42.8p per mile

(1) This work relates to interviews conducted under the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) 1989 – [S.I. 1989/1341 \(N.I. 12\)](#)

(2) Unsocial hours are defined as between 7.00pm and 9.00am on any weekday, or any time on a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday

SCHEDULE 3

Article 9

REPRESENTATION (LOWER COURTS)

PART 1

General

1. This Schedule applies to the determination of the remuneration payable to representatives for providing representation (lower courts).

2. Where the remuneration or fees properly chargeable for the representation including charges for disbursements exceed any contribution payable by the client to the solicitor under Part 3 of the Financial Regulations together with the value of any charge arising under Article 17(7) of the 2003 Order, the solicitor shall submit a claim to the Department requesting payment of the deficiency.

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3.—(1) The Department shall determine the claim submitted under Article 8 in accordance with the rates or fees set out in the relevant Table in Part 2 or 3 of this Schedule, as applicable, and pay the assessed deficiency, if any, to the solicitor.

(2) In this paragraph “assessed deficiency” means the amount by which the sum allowed to the representatives by the Department in assessing the claim under sub-paragraph (1) exceeds any contribution payable by the client to the solicitor under Part 3 of the Financial Regulations together with the value of any charge arising under Article 17(7) of the 2003 Order.

PART 2

Family and Children Order Proceedings

Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(2)

Solicitor’s remuneration can be claimed on the basis of either Hourly Rates (Table 1) or Composite Fees (Table 2), at the election of the solicitor

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 attending Counsel	£32.50 per hour

Table 2:

Solicitor – Composite Fees

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
Private Law	£250
Public Law	£400

Table 3:
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
Consultation	£35.50 per hour
Complex items of work (opinion, affidavits)	£82.75 per item
All other written work	£50.25 per item

The Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(3)

Solicitor's remuneration can be claimed on the basis of either Hourly Rates (Table 4) or Composite Fees (Table 5), at the election of the solicitor

Table 4:
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 attending Counsel	£32.50 per hour

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Table 5:
Solicitor – Composite Fees

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
Non-Molestation Order	£352
Occupation Order	£352
Non-Molestation/Occupation application withdrawn with undertakings	£352
Non-Molestation and Occupation Order	£416
Second Hearing – Contested	£192
Second Hearing – Uncontested	£96
Variation/Discharges – Contested	£352
Variation/Discharges – Uncontested	£192
Adjournments	£30
Nominal Adjournment Fee – no court attendance	£15
Withdrawn	£30
Summons not served	£30
Letters Written	£3.65 per item
Letters Received	£1.85 per item
Telephone Calls	£3.65 per call
Non-routine telephone calls in excess of 5 minutes	£58 per hour

Table 6:
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
Consultation	£35.50 per hour

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
Complex items of work (opinion, affidavits)	£82.75 per item
All other written work	£50.25 per item

Domestic Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(4)**Table 7:****Solicitor – Composite Fees**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
Separation and Maintenance	£140
Variation of Maintenance	£83.50
Case withdrawn at any stage before hearing and up to strikeout	£66
Part Hearings	£29
Adjourned Hearings:	
- less than 20 minutes	£15.50
- in excess of 20 minutes	£29
Nominal Adjournment Fee – no court attendance	£12
Dismissed Cases	£124.50
Letters and telephone calls (not included in the basic fee)	£3.35 per item
Discontinued cases (no proceedings issued)	
- advice less than one hour	£45
- advice of one hour	£50
- advice in excess of one hour	£55

Table 8:**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

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<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
- Full Day	Standard £317.75 Maximum £508.50
- Refresher	£140 for each additional day
Consultation	£35.50 per hour
Complex items of work (opinions, affidavits)	£82.50 per hour
All other written work	£50.25 per item

PART 3

Other Proceedings

Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989⁽⁵⁾ and Terrorism Act 2000⁽⁶⁾

Table 1:

Solicitor – Composite Fees

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
All Proceedings	£352

Proceedings before the Mental Health Review Tribunal

Table 2:

Solicitor – Composite Fees

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
Preparation and Negotiation	£330
Representation at Tribunal	£370 (per half day, or part thereof)
Adjourned Hearing	£76.25

Hearings held under Article 10 or 11 of the Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001⁽⁷⁾

Table 3:

Solicitor – Hourly Rate

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>
Hourly fees for all work	£100 per hour up to a maximum fee of £800 ⁽¹⁾

(1) If additional hours are authorised by the Department, they are payable at the same rate.

(5) S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12)

(6) 2000 c. 11

(7) S.I. 2001/2564 (N.I. 2)

Table 4:**Counsel – Composite Fees**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Junior Counsel</i>	<i>Senior Counsel</i>
Composite fee	£2,666	£4,000

Other hearings before the Parole Commissioners**Table 5:****Solicitor – Hourly Rate**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>
Hourly fees for all work	£100 per hour up to a maximum fee of £800 ⁽¹⁾

(1) If additional hours are authorised by the Department, they are payable at the same rate.

Table 6:**Counsel – Composite Fees**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Junior Counsel</i>	<i>Senior Counsel</i>
Composite Fee	£3,000	£4,500

Oral hearing before the Parole Commissioners under the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008(8)**Table 7:****Solicitor – Composite Fee**

<i>Work Type – Stage 2</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
All case types	£250

Proceedings under sections 295, 297, 298, 301 or 302 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002**Table 8:****Solicitor – Composite Fees**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
Composite Fee	£352 ⁽¹⁾
Second Hearing	£192

(1) The Composite Fee will remunerate a solicitor for all work associated with the particular case, excluding disbursements and VAT. The fee is taken to include up to the first 7 letters and telephone calls under 5 minutes. Any further letters or telephone calls can be claimed in addition to the composite fee provided they are itemised.

(8) [S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I. 1\)](#)

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<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
Adjournment	£30
Nominal Adjournment Fee – no court attendance	£15.50
Withdrawn	£30
Letters and telephone calls	£3.65 per item / call
Non-routine telephone calls	£58 per hour

- (1) The Composite Fee will remunerate a solicitor for all work associated with the particular case, excluding disbursements and VAT. The fee is taken to include up to the first 7 letters and telephone calls under 5 minutes. Any further letters or telephone calls can be claimed in addition to the composite fee provided they are itemised.

Table 9:

Counsel – Composite Fees

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
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
Part Hearing (standard)	£76.25
Part Hearing (maximum)	£127
Refresher	£140 for each additional day
Consultation	£35.50 per hour
Complex items of work (opinions, affidavit)	£82.75 per item
All other written work	£50.25 per item

Proceedings regarding an order under sections 89, 90, 97, 100, 104, 108, 109, 114, 118, 123, 125 or 126 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003(9) and Proceedings under Articles 3 and 4 of the Anti-social Behaviour (Northern Ireland) Order 2004(10)

Table 10:

Interim Fees

<i>Proceedings Type</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Junior Counsel</i>
All proceedings	£180	£180

(9) 2003 c. 42

(10) S.I. 2004/1988 (N.I. 12)

SCHEDULE 4

Article 9

REPRESENTATION (HIGHER COURTS)

PART 1

General

1. This Schedule applies to the determination of the remuneration payable to representatives for providing representation (higher courts).

2. The Department shall determine the claim submitted under Article 8 in accordance with the rates or fees set out in the relevant Table in Parts 2 to 6 of this Schedule, as applicable, and pay the assessed remuneration to the solicitor.

3. For proceedings listed within Part 2 of this Schedule, where a representative considers that the sum allowable under Table 1 or Table 2, as applicable, would not provide reasonable remuneration according to the work reasonably undertaken and properly done, the representative may apply to the judge before whom the proceedings took place for a certificate that for any reason including the exceptional length, difficulty or complexity of the proceedings the limitation on the sums allowable under Table 1 or Table 2, as applicable, shall not apply and where such certificate is granted the Department shall allow remuneration under Table 3 to 19, as applicable.

4. Where a judge has granted a certificate under paragraph 3, and there is a combination of proceedings heard together, the highest applicable composite fee will be payable with an additional payment of 30% of the composite fee in respect of the first related proceedings and an additional payment of 20% of the composite fee in respect of the second related proceedings.

5. For proceedings listed within Part 3 of this Schedule, where the costs have been taxed by a district judge, the Department will pay remuneration to the solicitor on foot of the taxed bill. If the proceedings are withdrawn, abandoned or discontinued the representative's claim will be assessed by the Department in accordance with Tables 1 to 4, as applicable.

6. For proceedings listed within Parts 4, 5 and 6 of this Schedule, the sums allowed to representatives in any proceedings shall, subject to Article 5(2)(a) and (b), be assessed by the Department in accordance with the Tables set out in the relevant Part, as applicable to the nature of the proceedings and the items of work in question.

PART 2

Family and Children Order Proceedings – Family Care Centre

Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(11) – including Children Order appeals from the Family Proceedings Court

Table 1:

Solicitor – Hourly Rates

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Preparation	£58 per hour

(11) [S.I. 1995/755 \(N.I. 2\)](#)

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<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Rate</i>
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
Consultation	£35.50 per hour
Complex items of work (opinions, affidavits)	£82.75 per item
All other written work	£50.25 per item

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
35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£1,225

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i>
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£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
35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£700
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£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
35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£490
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£280

Table 6:

Children Order – Appeals from the Family 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

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<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i>
35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£280
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£160

Table 7:

Proceedings under Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987(12) – 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
35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£1,225
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£700

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
35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£1,750
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£1,000

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

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i>
Judgment Fee	£150
35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£1,225
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£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
35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£140
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£80

Table 11:**Proceedings under Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1988(13) – Non-Molestation / Occupation Order**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i>
Composite Fee	£528
Additional Full Day	£400
Additional Half day	£200
Judgment Fee	£150
35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£184.80
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£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

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<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Junior Counsel</i>	<i>Senior Counsel</i>
Directions and Written Work	£780	£1,170
Refresher – Full Day	£400	£600
Refresher – Half Day	£200	£300
Judgment Fee	£150	£225
35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£700	£1,050
20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£400	£600

Table 13:

Children Order – Appeals from the Family 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
35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£280	£420
20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£160	£240

Table 14:

Children Order – Appeals from the Family 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
35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£525	£787.50
20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£300	£450

Table 15:**Proceedings under Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987(14) – 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
35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£875	£1,312.50
20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£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
35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£1,232	£1,848
20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£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

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<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Junior Counsel</i>	<i>Senior Counsel</i>
35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£875	£1,312.50
20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£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
Directions and Written Work	£312	£468
Refresher – Full Day	£400	£600
Refresher – Half Day	£200	£300
Judgment Fee	£150	£225
35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£402.50	£603.75
20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£230	£345

Table 19:

Proceedings under Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(15) – 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
35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£525	£787.50
20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£300	£450

PART 3

Divorce and other Family Proceedings in the County Court

Table 1:**Divorce – Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 – Solicitor**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Hourly Rate	£30 per hour
Letters and Telephone Calls	£3.35 per item

Table 2:**Committal Proceedings**

<i>Work Type⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
Composite Fee ⁽²⁾	£601	£222
Case withdrawn on morning of hearing	25% deduction applied	25% deduction applied

(1) Where a case is withdrawn before a hearing date has been set, a time-based assessment of work carried out will be undertaken for the solicitor. Hourly rates – £30, letters and telephone calls – £3.35.

(2) For each day or part of a day on which a hearing is continued after the first day, both solicitor and counsel in attendance are entitled to an additional sum equivalent to one third of counsel's fee.

Table 3:**Adoption Proceedings**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
Standard Fee ⁽¹⁾	£193.50	£129
Adjournments	£51.60	£32.25

(1) An uplift of 50% on the basic fee will be payable to both Solicitor and Junior Counsel for each additional child involved with the same proceedings.

Table 4:**Appeals from the Family Proceedings Court**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
Standard Fee – irrespective of Full or Half day	£422	£110
Case withdrawn at hearing	£347	£110
Case withdrawn prior to hearing	£211	£55
Adjournments	£51.50	£34

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PART 4

Other Proceedings in the County Court

Table 1:

Ordinary Civil Bill Scales – Plaintiff’s and Defendant’s Remuneration

<i>Department’s assessment of value of the claim</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
Does not exceed £1,000	£538	£180
Exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £2,500	£1,136	£263
Exceeds £2,500 but does not exceed £5,000	£1,614	£383
Exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £7,500	£2,092	£478
Exceeds £7,500 but does not exceed £10,000	£2,391	£562
Exceeds £10,000 but does not exceed £12,500	£2,630	£640
Exceeds £12,500 but does not exceed £15,000	£2,869	£718
Exceeds £15,000 but does not exceed £20,000	£3,876	£842
Exceeds £20,000 but does not exceed £25,000	£4,253	£953
Exceeds £25,000 but does not exceed £30,000	£4,692	£1,060
Drafting notice for, or replies to notice for, particulars – payable to either the solicitor or counsel		£43
Drafting interrogatories, or answers to interrogatories, as certified by the judge	£70	£70
Additional Days	50% of solicitor’s scale fee on the amount claimed or decreed, as appropriate, not exceeding £600	50% of counsel’s scale fee on the amount claimed or decreed, as appropriate

Table 2:**Equity Civil Bill Scales – Plaintiff’s and Defendant’s Remuneration**

<i>Where value of the personalty and / or lands</i>	<i>Solicitor’s Fee</i>	<i>Counsel’s Fee – for advising proceedings/ defence, settling the equity civil bill and advising proofs</i>	<i>Counsel’s Fee – on hearing of equity civil bill or petition</i>
Does not exceed £5,000	£538	£92	£267
Exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £10,000	£1,136	£124	£342
Exceeds £10,000 but does not exceed £15,000	£1,614	£152	£458
Exceeds £15,000 but does not exceed £20,000	£2,092	£200	£534
Exceeds £20,000 but does not exceed £25,000	£2,391	£230	£612
Exceeds £25,000 but does not exceed £35,000	£2,630	£301	£763
Exceeds £35,000 but does not exceed £45,000	£2,869	£369	£917
Additional Days	50% of solicitor’s scale fee on the amount claimed or decreed, as appropriate, not exceeding £600	N/A	50% of counsel’s scale fee on the amount claimed or decreed, as appropriate

Table 3:**Ejectment proceedings for the Recovery of property – Plaintiff’s and Defendant’s Remuneration**

<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
Proceedings for the recovery of possession of premises by a statutory body	£132	£64

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<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
In other cases, where valuation does not exceed £4,060	£321	£123
In other cases, where valuation exceeds £4,060	£458	£230
Additional days	50% of solicitor's scale fee on the amount claimed or decreed, as appropriate, not exceeding £600	50% of counsel's scale fee on the amount claimed or decreed, as appropriate

Table 4:

Plaintiff's Remuneration in Remitted Actions

<i>Amount decreed (or value of case as assessed by Department)</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
Does not exceed £1,000	£538	£180
Exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £2,500	£1,136	£263
Exceeds £2,500 but does not exceed £5,000	£1,614	£383
Exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £7,500	£2,092	£478
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Exceeds £20,000 but does not exceed £25,000	£4,253	£953
Exceeds £25,000 but does not exceed £30,000	£4,692	£1,060
Drafting notice for, or replies to notice for, particulars –payable to either the solicitor or counsel		£43

<i>Amount decreed (or value of case as assessed by Department)</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
Drafting interrogatories, or answers to interrogatories, as certified by the judge	£70	£70
Additional Days	50% of solicitor's scale fee on the amount claimed or decreed, as appropriate, not exceeding £600	50% of counsel's scale fee on the amount claimed or decreed, as appropriate

Table 5:**Defendant's Remuneration in Remitted Actions**

<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
Fee Payable	£2869	£718
Drafting notice for, or replies to notice for, particulars –payable to either the solicitor or counsel, as certified by the judge		£43
Additional Days	50% of solicitor's scale fee on the amount claimed or decreed, as appropriate, not exceeding £600	50% of counsel's scale fee on the amount claimed or decreed, as appropriate

Table 6:**Interlocutory Applications**

<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>>Counsel</i>
Instruction, drawing Notice of Motion etc.	£118.56	£118.56
Attending before Judge on notice or ex-parte	£59.28	£59.28
Drawing up list of documents under Order 15	£42.07	£42.07

Table 7:**Occasional Costs**

<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Affidavit of Service	£2.72
Other Affidavit	£1.12
Preparing Recognizance	£3.12

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<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Drawing, issuing and serving a witness summons	£9.10
Drawing costs and copies	£6.74 per page
Attending taxation	£11.39 per hour

Table 8:

Limited Certificates

<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
Counsel's Opinion	£75	£30
- up to 5 pages	£75	£50
- up to 7 pages	£75	£65
Engineer's Report	£100	N/A
Engineer's Report (no details provided)	£75	N/A
Medical Report	£50	N/A
Issue and service of Civil Bill, Replies and Discovery	£200	N/A
Stamp Duty	£50	N/A
Stamp Duty with other limitation	£100	N/A
Discovery	£50	N/A

PART 5

High Court Proceedings

High Court Bail Applications

Table 1:

Standard Fees

<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Counsel</i>
£180	£180

Proceedings which have been withdrawn, abandoned or discontinued

Solicitor's remuneration can be claimed on the basis of either Composite Fees (Table 2), or Hourly Rates (Table 3), at the election of the solicitor

Table 2:
Solicitor – Composite Fees

<i>Department's assessment of value of the claim</i>		<i>After Writ</i>	<i>After Statement of Claim</i>	<i>After Defence</i>	<i>After Warned List</i>	<i>Within 21 Days of Trial</i>
Does not exceed £14,999		£2,515	£3,165	£3,565	£4,230	£4,885
£15,000 – £19,999	–	£2,910	£3,565	£3,960	£4,755	£5,680
£20,000 – £24,999	–	£3,435	£4,090	£4,485	£5,012	£6,075
£25,000 – £29,999	–	£3,690	£4,360	£4,755	£5,410	£6,470
£30,000 – £34,999	–	£3,960	£4,620	£5,155	£5,805	£6,870
£35,000 – £39,999	–	£4,230	£4,885	£5,410	£6,205	£7,260
£40,000 – £44,999	–	£4,485	£5,155	£5,805	£6,600	£7,655
£45,000 – £49,999	–	£4,720	£5,410	£6,205	£7,000	£8,050
£50,000 – £54,999	–	£5,015	£5,680	£6,600	£7,395	£8,450
£55,000 – £59,999	–	£5,280	£5,940	£7,000	£7,795	£8,845
£60,000 – £64,999	–	£5,550	£6,205	£7,395	£8,190	£9,245
£65,000 – £69,999	–	£5,805	£6,470	£7,795	£8,580	£9,640
£70,000 – £74,999	–	£6,075	£6,730	£8,190	£8,975	£10,035
£75,000 – £79,999	–	£6,330	£6,985	£8,580	£9,370	£10,435
£80,000 – £84,999	–	£6,600	£7,290	£8,975	£9,770	£10,830
£85,000 – £89,999	–	£6,870	£7,525	£9,370	£10,165	£11,220
£90,000 – £94,999	–	£7,130	£7,795	£9,770	£10,560	£11,615

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<i>Department's assessment of value of the claim</i>	<i>After Writ</i>	<i>After Statement of Claim</i>	<i>After Defence</i>	<i>After Warned List</i>	<i>Within 21 Days of Trial</i>
£95,000 £99,999	– £7,395	£8,050	£10,165	£10,960	£12,010

Table 3:

Solicitor – Hourly Rates

<i>Column header</i>	<i>Hourly Rate</i>
Preparation	£94
Letters and Telephone Calls	£9.40 per item

Counsel's Fees – Pleadings and Interlocutory Matters

Table 4:

Chancery Division

<i>Item of Work</i>	
Writ	£40
Statement of Claim	£150
Defence	£150
Defence and Counterclaim	£175
Reply and Defence to Counterclaim	£100
Reply	£35

Table 5:

Originating Proceedings

<i>Item of Work</i>	
Originating Summons or Notice of Motion	£65
Brief on Hearing of Summons or Ex-parte application	£100
Minute of Judgment	£70
Motion for Judgment	£125

Table 6:**Proceedings by Petition (not including divorce)**

<i>Item of Work</i>	
Petition or Answer	£85
Other Pleadings	£65
Brief on Hearing of Summons or Motion	£100

Table 7:**Queen's Bench Division**

<i>Item of Work</i>	
Writ (generally endorsed)	£35
Writ (specially endorsed)	£75
Statement of Claim (all cases)	£150
Defence	£150
Defence with Particulars	£80
Defence and Counterclaim	£175
Reply and Defence to Counterclaim	£100
Reply	£30
Third Party Notice	£75
Brief on Ex-parte Hearing	£100
Brief on Hearing of Summons or Motion	£100
Special Appointments Hearing in Motion Court	£200

Table 8:**Family Division – Probate**

<i>Item of Work</i>	
Motion Paper	£90
Motion	£90
Writ	£45
Brief on Ex-parte Hearing	£100
Brief on Hearing of Summons or Motion	£100
Statement of Claim or Defence	£150
Defence and Counterclaim	£175
Reply and Defence to Counterclaim	£100

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<i>Item of Work</i>	
Reply	£30

Table 9:

Bankruptcy

<i>Item of Work</i>	
Examination of Witnesses	£130

Table 10:

Judicial Review

<i>Item of Work</i>	
Ex-parte docket	£45
Order 53 Statement	£90
Certificate of Urgency	£30
Substantive Affidavit	£125

Table 11:

Ancillary Relief

<i>Item of Work</i>	
Summons	£45
Affidavit of Means etc.	£125

Table 12:

General

<i>Item of Work</i>	
Affidavits (general)	£60
(exceptional)	£125
Notice of Motion / Summons	£65
Notice for Particulars or Answer thereto	£60
Notice to Admit to Facts	£65
Replies to Notice to Admit Facts	£75
Interrogatories and Answers	£100
Proofs (Liability Admitted) ⁽¹⁾	
Senior	£250

(1) to include consultation (if any)

<i>Item of Work</i>	
or Junior	£200
Proofs (Liability Denied) ⁽¹⁾	
Senior	£300
or Junior	£250
Supplementary Advice, where necessary	
Senior	£230
or Junior	£200
Opinions ⁽¹⁾	
Liability and quantum	£200
Liability only	£150
Quantum only	£150
Further	£80
Notice of Appeal ⁽¹⁾	£85
Consultation (including joint negotiations) up to one hour	
Senior	£185
Thereafter per half hour	£80
Consultation (including joint negotiations) up to one hour	
Junior (attending on senior)	£125
Thereafter per half hour	£55
Junior (without senior)	£150
Thereafter per half hour	£60
Appearance at Review/Application/Mention Hearing ⁽¹⁾	
-less than 30 minutes	£100
-up to 1 hour	(attended)
	£125
	(unattended)
	£150

(1) to include consultation (if any)

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<i>Item of Work</i>	
Core Issues	£125
Skeleton Argument	£125
(1) to include consultation (if any)	

PART 6

Other Proceedings

Asylum and Immigration Proceedings before the First-Tier Tribunal and the Upper Tribunal

Table 1:

Solicitor – Composite Fees

<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
Representation at a Case Management Review Hearing for First-Tier Tribunal	£175
First-Tier Tribunal (including first leave application)	£1,200
Onward Appeal Hearing in Upper Tribunal (to include second leave application)	£1,200
Adjourned hearings which are part-heard or re-listed to be concluded on a separate date	£170 per day
Appeal withdrawn prior to the substantive hearing (20% of fee)	£240
Appeal withdrawn on the day of the substantive hearing (35% of fee)	£420
Asylum and Immigration Bail Hearing	£400

SCHEDULE 5

Article 9

INQUESTS

PART 1

General

1. This Schedule applies to the determination of the remuneration payable to representatives for providing civil legal services in relation to inquests funded under Article 12A of the 2003 Order.

2. The Department shall determine the claim submitted under Article 8 in accordance with the rates set out in the relevant Table in Part 2 of this Schedule and pay the assessed remuneration to the solicitor.

PART 2

Remuneration payable in Inquest cases

Table 1:**Solicitor's Fees**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>ate</i>
Preparation	£79.50 per hour
Hearing (including any Preliminary Hearings)	£63.38 per hour
Travelling time ⁽¹⁾	£24.75 per hour
Mileage ⁽¹⁾	35.7p per mile

(1) The rates for travel and mileage will be paid on an actuals basis.

Table 2:**Counsel's Fees**

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Junior Counsel</i>	<i>Senior Counsel</i>
Preparation	£87.38 per hour	£179.25 per hour
Hearing (including any Preliminary Hearings)	£149.25 per hour	£386.25 per hour
Refresher Fees – Full Day	£236.50	£400
Travelling time ⁽¹⁾	£12 per hour	£12 per hour
Mileage ⁽¹⁾	35.7p per mile	35.7p per mile

(1) The rates for travel and mileage will be paid on an actuals basis.