

**NORTHERN IRELAND COURT OF JUDICATURE
TAXING OFFICE**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

2014 No. 4

PLEADING AND INTERLOCUTORY MATTERS: COUNSEL'S FEES

1. The list of fees allowed to counsel in relation to miscellaneous drafting and interlocutory fees has been reviewed by the Master. A list of the revised fees is set out below.
2. The revised fees will apply with effect from 1 April 2014 in respect of all instructions, cases and briefs delivered on or after that date.
3. As before, the fees specified are those regarded by the Master as justified on taxation in the normal run of cases where the item has been dealt with by counsel properly. Other than in the case of fees for attendance at consultation, each fee covers all necessary perusal of papers in connection with the item.
4. Fees for judicial review and some ancillary relief matters are included for the first time.
5. These fees are designed to provide a convenient and reasonable basis for the marking and allowance of fees in the normal run of business. A lower fee may be appropriate if the item has not been dealt with comprehensively or was unusually simple, or where more than one item has been dealt with simultaneously. If any higher amount has been claimed it will need to be specifically justified on taxation.
5. Finally, save where otherwise expressly provided, it should be noted that the fees on the list do not apply to divorce proceedings.

Dated this 17th April 2014

A. E. Wells

Master [Enforcement of Judgements Office]

FEES FOR PLEADINGS AND INTERLOCUTORY MATTERS

CHANCERY DIVISION

Writ	£40.00
Statement of Claim	£150.00
Defence	£150.00
Defence and Counterclaim	£175.00
Reply and Defence to Counterclaim	£100.00
Reply	£35.00

ORIGINATION PROCEEDINGS

Originating Summons or Notice of Motion	£65.00
Brief on Hearing of Summons or Ex-parte application	£100.00
Minute of Judgment	£70.00
Motion for Judgment	£125.00

PROCEEDINGS BY PETITION (not including Divorce)

Petition or Answer	£85.00
Other Pleadings	£65.00
Brief on Hearing of Summons or Motion	£100.00

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

Writ (generally endorsed)	£35.00
Writ (specially endorsed)	£75.00
Statement of Claim (all cases)	£150.00
Defence	£150.00
Defence with Particulars	£80.00

Defence and Counterclaim	£175.00
Reply and Defence to Counterclaim	£100.00
Reply	£30.00
Third Party Notice	£75.00
Brief on Ex-parte Hearing	£100.00
Brief on Hearing of Summons or Motion	£100.00
Special Appointments Hearing in Motion Court	£200.00

FAMILY DIVISION

PROBATE

Motion Paper	£90.00
Motion	£90.00
Writ	£45.00
Brief on Ex-parte Hearing	£100.00
Brief on Hearing of Summons or Motion	£100.00
Statement of Claim or Defence	£150.00
Defence and Counterclaim	£175.00
Reply and Defence to Counterclaim	£100.00
Reply	£30.00

BANKRUPTCY

Examination of Witness	£130.00
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JUDICIAL REVIEW

<i>Ex parte</i> docket	£45.00
Order 53 Statement	£90.00
Certificate of Urgency	£30.00

Substantive Affidavit	£125.00
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ANCILLARY RELIEF

Summons	£45.00
Affidavit of Means etc.	£125.00

GENERAL

Affidavits (general)	£60.00
(exceptional)	£125.00
Notice of Motion/Summons	£65.00
Notice for Particulars or answer thereto	£60.00
Notice to Admit Facts	£65.00
Replies to Notice to Admit Facts	£75.00
Interrogatories and Answers	£100.00
*Proofs (Liability Admitted)	
Senior	£250.00
or Junior	£200.00
*Proofs (Liability Denied)	
Senior	£300.00
or Junior	£250.00
Supplementary Advice where necessary	
Senior	£230.00
or Junior	£200.00
*Opinions, liability and quantum	£200.00
Liability only	£150.00
Quantum only	£150.00
Further	£80.00
*Notice of Appeal	£85.00
Consultation (including joint negotiations) up to one hour	
Senior	£185.00
thereafter per ½ hour	£80.00
Consultation (including joint negotiations) up to one hour	
Junior	
(attending on Senior)	£125.00
thereafter per ½ hour	£55.00
(without Senior)	£150.00
thereafter per ½ hour	£60.00
*Appearance at Review/Application/Mention hearing	

- less than 30 minutes	£100.00 (attended)
	£125.00 (unattended)
- up to 1 hour	£150.00
Core issues	£125.00
Skeleton Argument	£125.00

*to include consultation (if any)