

SCHEDULE 4

REPRESENTATION (HIGHER COURTS)

**PART 2**

Family and Children Order Proceedings – Family Care Centre

[<sup>F1</sup>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
[ <sup>F2</sup> 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
[ <sup>F3</sup> 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£1,225
[ <sup>F4</sup> 20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)]	£700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
[ <sup>F3</sup> 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£700
[ <sup>F4</sup> 20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (at first directions hearing)]	£400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
[ <sup>F3</sup> 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£490

[<sup>F4</sup>20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £280  
Transferred (at first directions hearing)]

**Table 6:**

**[<sup>F5</sup>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
[ <sup>F3</sup> 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £280 Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	
[ <sup>F4</sup> 20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £160 Transferred (at first directions hearing)]	

**Table 7:**

**Proceedings under Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987<sup>M1</sup> – 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
[ <sup>F3</sup> 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £1,225 Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	
[ <sup>F4</sup> 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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[<sup>F3</sup>35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or £1,750  
Transferred (following first directions hearing  
but before a final hearing date is set)]

[<sup>F4</sup>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
[ <sup>F3</sup> 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£1,225
[ <sup>F4</sup> 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
[ <sup>F3</sup> 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£140
[ <sup>F4</sup> 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<sup>M2</sup> –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
[ <sup>F3</sup> 35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£184.80
[ <sup>F4</sup> 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
[ <sup>F6</sup> 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£700	£1,050
[ <sup>F7</sup> 20% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred ( at first directions hearing)]	£400	£600

**Table 13:****[<sup>F8</sup> 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
[ <sup>F6</sup> 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)]

[<sup>F7</sup>20% Brief Fee — Case £160  
Withdrawn or Transferred ( at first directions hearing)] £240

**Table 14:**

**[<sup>F9</sup>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
[ <sup>F6</sup> 35% Brief Fee — Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£525	£787.50
[ <sup>F7</sup> 20% Brief Fee — Case Withdrawn or Transferred ( at first directions hearing)]	£300	£450

**Table 15:**

**Proceedings under Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987<sup>M3</sup> – 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
[ <sup>F6</sup> 35% Brief Fee — Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£875	£1,312.50
[ <sup>F7</sup> 20% Brief Fee — Case Withdrawn or Transferred ( at first directions hearing)]	£500	£750

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<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
[ <sup>F6</sup> 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£1,232	£1,848
[ <sup>F7</sup> 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
[ <sup>F6</sup> 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£875	£1,312.50
[ <sup>F7</sup> 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
[ <sup>F6</sup> 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£402.50	£603.75
[ <sup>F7</sup> 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<sup>M4</sup> –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
[ <sup>F6</sup> 35% Brief Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred (following first directions hearing but before a final hearing date is set)]	£525	£787.50
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**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)**
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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)**
- 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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