

1989 No. 298

COUNTY COURTS

**County Court (Criminal Damage Compensation) (Amendment)
Rules (Northern Ireland) 1989**

Made 26th July 1989

Coming into operation 1st September 1989

We, the County Court Rules Committee, appointed by the Lord Chancellor under Article 46 of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(a), in exercise of the powers conferred on us by Article 47 of that Order and in accordance with Article 15 of the Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(b), hereby make the following rules:

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) These rules may be cited as the County Court (Criminal Damage Compensation) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1989.

(2) In these rules “the principal rules” means the County Court (Criminal Damage Compensation) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1983(c).

Revocation

2. The County Court (Criminal Damage Compensation) (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1988(d) are hereby revoked.

Amendment to the principal rules

3. For Schedule 2 to the principal rules there shall be substituted the new Schedule 2 set out in the Schedule.

We, the undersigned members of the County Court Rules Committee, having by virtue of the powers vested in us in this behalf made the foregoing rules, do hereby certify the same under our hand and submit them to the Lord Chancellor accordingly.

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(a) S.I. 1980/397 (N.I. 3)

(b) S.I. 1977/1247 (N.I. 14)

(c) S.R. 1983 No. 434 to which the most recent relevant amendment was made by S.R. 1988 No. 283

(d) S.R. 1988 No. 283

Dated 27th June 1989.

After consultation with the Lord Chief Justice I allow these rules which shall come into operation on 1st September 1989.

Dated 26th July 1989.

Mackay of Clashfern, C.

SCHEDULE

Rule 3

AMENDMENT TO THE PRINCIPAL RULES

SCHEDULE 2

Rule 9(1)

Party and party costs in appeals under Article 15 of the Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 in relation to claims for compensation under that Order

A. Appellant's Costs

<i>Where the amount awarded is greater than the Secretary of State's determination and does not exceed—</i>	<i>Solicitor's Costs</i>	<i>Counsel's Fee</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
£	£	£
250	95	36
500	118	46
750	148	60
1,000	169	72
2,000	191	79
3,000	213	88
4,000	235	94
5,000	256	100
6,000	279	107
7,000	301	114
8,000	323	120
9,000	345	128
10,000	368	135
15,000	469	170
20,000	580	210
25,000	681	247
30,000	793	292
35,000	895	331
40,000	1,004	377
45,000	1,108	405
50,000	1,209	465
60,000	1,371	537
70,000	1,531	611
80,000	1,686	687
90,000	1,848	769
100,000	2,000	850
125,000	2,105	905
150,000	2,214	966
175,000	2,324	1,043

<i>Where the amount awarded is greater than the Secretary of State's determination and does not exceed—</i>	<i>Solicitor's Costs</i>	<i>Counsel's Fee</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
£	£	£
200,000	2,426	1,090
250,000	2,639	1,214
300,000	2,691	1,249
350,000	2,743	1,281
400,000	2,793	1,313
450,000	2,845	1,343
500,000	2,896	1,379
600,000	3,006	1,448
700,000	3,108	1,517
800,000	3,213	1,586
900,000	3,320	1,661
1,000,000	3,424	1,733

NOTE:

1. Subject to the discretion of the judge to certify otherwise, the scale of counsel's fees in column (3) above relates only to the item or items in dispute and not to the value of the claim as a whole.
 2. Where a case is settled more than 2 days prior to the court hearing, 85% of the appropriate amount in column (3) of the above table is payable as counsel's fees.
 3. Where the judge considers it was proper for an applicant to instruct senior as well as junior counsel, the senior counsel's fee will be one and a half times the appropriate figure in column (3) of the above table.
 4. Where the amount awarded is in excess of £1,000,000 the judge shall, unless the parties otherwise agree, certify the amount of solicitor's costs and the amount allowed for counsel's fees.
 5. Where the case is one of exceptional complexity or difficulty the judge may certify an amount exceeding the scale figures in columns (2) or (3) of the above table.
 6. Nothing in this Schedule shall derogate from the provisions of rule 5 or Article 15(3) of the Order.
 7. The scale of solicitor's costs in column (2) above is inclusive of any costs (but not expenses) payable under Article 12(2) of the Order in respect of making out and verifying the claim to compensation up to the date of the Secretary of State's determination.
- B. Respondent's Costs**
1. Where an appeal is dismissed, the judge may order the appellant to pay the Secretary of State an amount for his solicitor's costs or counsel's fees.
 2. Where he does so, that amount shall, in default of agreement, be such as the judge may determine, whether equal to or less than the costs actually incurred or the fees paid by the Secretary of State in resisting the appeal.

(This note is not part of the Rules.)

These rules amend the County Court (Criminal Damage Compensation) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1983 to introduce a new scale of costs payable to solicitors and counsel in appeals to the county court under Article 15 of the Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977.