

SCHEDULE 4

REPRESENTATION (HIGHER COURTS)

PART 2

Family and Children Order Proceedings – Family Care Centre
**Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(1) – 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
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

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<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Composite Fee</i>
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35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£1,225
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£700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35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£700
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£400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

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i>
35% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£490
20% of Composite Fee – Case Withdrawn or Transferred	£280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
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(2) – 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

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<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i>
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
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(3) – Non-Molestation / Occupation Order

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

<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Solicitor's Composite Fee</i>
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
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

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<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(4) – 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

<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Junior Counsel</i>	<i>Senior Counsel</i>
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
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

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Table 19:

Proceedings under Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(5) – 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