

SCHEDULE 5

VERY HIGH COST CASES

Table 1. Hourly rates for preparation

<i>Column 1</i> Solicitor, employed barrister, legal executive or other fee earner	<i>Column 2</i> Category 1 cases (fraud only)	<i>Column 3</i> Category 2 cases	<i>Column 4</i> Category 3 cases	<i>Column 5</i> Category 4 cases (non- fraud only)	<i>Column 6</i> Standard Rates
	£ per hour	£ per hour	£ per hour	£ per hour	£ per hour
Level A	180	140	110	100	55.75
Level B	140	110	90	80	47.25
Level C	100	80	70	60	34.00
Counsel					
Queen's Counsel	180	140	110	100	
Leading junior	140	110	90	80	
Led junior— 5 years' post qualification or more experience	100	80	70	60	
Led junior —less than 5 years' post qualification experience	75	60	55	50	
Junior alone	110	90	80	70	
Second led junior	70	55	50	—	
Solicitor Advocate					
Leading level A	180	140	110	100	
Led level A	140	110	90	80	
Leading level B	140	110	90	80	
Led level B	115	95	75	65	
Level A alone	145	120	100	85	

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	£ per hour	£ per hour	£ per hour	£ per hour	£ per hour
Level B alone	125	105	85	75	
Second advocate	70	55	50	—	

1.1 In circumstances where the Commission or (as the case may be) the appropriate officer considers the work undertaken not to be of the exceptional nature appropriate to a Very High Cost Case, the standard rates of pay set out in column 6 of Table 1 in this Schedule will apply.

Table 2. Hourly rates for non-preparatory work

Type of work	Level	Rate (£ per hour)
Attendance at court	A	42.25
	B	34.00
	C	20.50
Travel and waiting	A	25.00
	B	25.00
	C	25.00

- 2.1 The Commission or (as the case may be) the appropriate officer may enhance by up to 100%:
- in exceptional circumstances, the applicable rate for attendance at court in Table 2 in this Schedule; and
 - in very exceptional circumstances, the applicable rate for travel and waiting in Table 2 in this Schedule.

Table 3. Daily rates for advocacy

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i> Category 1 cases (fraud only)	<i>Column 3</i> Category 2 cases	<i>Column 4</i> Category 3 cases	<i>Column 5</i> Category 4 cases (non- fraud only)
	£ per day	£ per day	£ per day	£ per day
Queen's Counsel	600	480	430	400
Leading junior	450	360	320	300
Led junior— 5 years' post	300	240	215	200

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	Category 1 cases (fraud only) £ per day	Category 2 cases £ per day	Category 3 cases £ per day	Category 4 cases (non-fraud only) £ per day
qualification or more experience				
Led junior—less than 5 years' post qualification experience	200	170	160	155
Junior alone	330	260	230	215
Noter	125	105	95	90

3.1 Solicitor advocates will be paid the appropriate rate for a leading junior, a led junior, or a junior alone, as set out in Table 3 of this Schedule.

3.2 The full daily rate in Table 3 of this Schedule will be allowed if the advocate is in court for more than 3½ hours; half that rate will be allowed if he is in court for 3½ hours or less.

Table 4. Preliminary hearings

	Amount payable for hearing £
Queen's Counsel	140
Leading junior	100
Led junior—5 years' post qualification or more experience	70
Led junior—less than 5 years' post qualification experience	50
Junior alone	80
Noter	35

4.1 The rates in Table 4 of this Schedule will only apply where the hearing lasts two hours or less; otherwise the daily or half daily rate payable under Table 3 of this Schedule and paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2.