

**SUPREME COURT OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS

Counsel's Fees Scale

Practitioners are advised that the scale of counsel's fees which may be expected to be allowed upon taxation of party and party costs has been reviewed and is as attached. It applies where briefs are delivered, matters heard or conferences held on or after 5 July 2021.



Jayne Reece
Registrar

2 July 2021

Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory
Counsel's Fees Scale (excluding GST)

The Registrar of the Supreme Court has indicated that, upon taxation of party and party costs, the following scale of fees may be expected to be allowed where briefs are delivered, matters heard or conferences are held on or after 5 July 2021.

Where only one figure is set out, it may be interpreted as the expected minimum. However, it must be realized that the Taxing Officer still has a discretion to allow a higher or lower fee than is set out herein.

It should be noted that the fees set out below do not necessarily reflect the fees which barristers actually charge. Some barristers will charge less, others will charge more. Market forces will dictate fees. The scale will be used by the taxing officers of the Court as a guide to determine how much, by way of costs, a successful party may expect to recover.

COURT OF APPEAL

Appeals, Applications and stated cases:	\$1971	-	\$3818
Interlocutory Applications – opposed:	\$1971	-	\$3818
unopposed:	\$549	-	\$1089
Mentions, Callover:	\$549	-	\$1089
Settling Notice of Appeal or other documents (eg preparing submissions, advices) on an hourly basis:	\$487	-	\$944
Conference rate per hour or part thereof:	\$487	-	\$944

FULL COURT OF THE SUPREME COURT

Appeals, Applications and stated cases:	\$1971	-	\$3818
Application for Judicial Review or leave to appeal:	\$1307	-	\$3278
Settling Notice of Appeal or other documents on an hourly basis:	\$487	-	\$944
Conference rate per hour or part thereof:	\$487	-	\$944

SINGLE JUDGE SUPREME COURT

Trials and other Causes:	\$1971	-	\$3818
Unopposed Applications:	\$1307	-	\$1971
Interlocutory applications -			
(a) Briefed as unopposed (and in fact unopposed):	\$549	-	\$1089
(b) Briefed as opposed:	\$1971	-	\$3818
Advice on evidence or opinions, per hour:	\$487	-	\$705
Conference per hour or part thereof:	\$487	-	\$705
Reserved judgment (formal only):	\$487	-	\$705
Chamber work, including drawing or settling pleadings, minutes, statements of facts, applications, affidavits, interrogatories and answers, per hour or part thereof:	\$487	-	\$705
Views, per hour or part thereof, including where appropriate			
A reasonable additional sum for travelling etc:	\$487	-	\$705
Assessments (where liability is not in issue):	\$1971	-	\$2728

OTHER MATTERS

(Including applications before the Registrar)

In Court or public private chambers generally, including but Not limited to, unopposed statutory applications, winding up applications, applications to approve schemes, ex parte applications for injunctions or similar order:	\$1307	-	\$3278
Statutory prohibitions, stated cases, contested applications treated as a hearing, contested company matters and other suits:	\$1971	-	\$3278
Appeals to the Court from another Court or Tribunal:	\$2178	-	\$3818
Application for Judicial Review or leave to appeal:	\$1971	-	\$2728