

Scale of fees – criminal law

Solicitor – Magistrates/childrens court matters

	Fixed fee (\$)
Prepare and attend (includes court time)	
Plea	800.00
Cross-examination of protected witness(es) (up to three hours court time) – Committal	480.00
Cross-examination of protected witness(es) (full day court time) – Committal	960.00
Cross-examination of protected witness(es) DV Offences – Summary trial	1280.00
Preparation	
Trial (Solicitor only) MG1 + MG2 prep only	1120.00
Trial (Solicitor instructing Counsel)	1120.00
Registry committal	320.00
Formal application for Cross-examination of witnesses, disclosure direction order, and/or indicting summary matters	320.00
Committal hearing with Cross-examination	640.00
Bail application	160.00
Investigate prospects of reopening of sentence in line with section 188 of the <i>Penalties and Sentences Act 1992</i>	954.00
Additional preparation for 20 or more charges	320.00
Additional preparation for 100 or more charges	640.00
Additional preparation when an interpreter is engaged	274.00
Additional preparation for extraordinary matters (Solicitor only)	1600.00
Additional preparation for extraordinary matters (Solicitor instructing Counsel)	3200.00
Court time	
Up to three hours	480.00
Full day	960.00
Court time instructing counsel (Summary trial)	
Up to three hours	383.00
Full day	766.00
Court time instructing counsel (Committal)	
Up to three hours	383.00
Full day	766.00
Prison visit	
	228.00
Duty lawyer	
Magistrate court only	160.00

Solicitor – Higher court matters

	<i>District Court Children's Court of Queensland</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Supreme Court</i> Fixed fee (\$)
Preparation		
Plea	337.00	365.00
Breach	337.00	365.00
Pre-trial hearing	337.00	365.00
Vacating a plea	337.00	365.00
Trial	1010.00	4406.00
Bail application	160.00	664.00
Investigate prospects of reopening of sentence in line with section 188 of the <i>Penalties and Sentences Act 1992</i>	954.00	954.00
Additional preparation for 20 or more charges	320.00	320.00
Additional preparation for 100 or more charges	640.00	640.00
Additional preparation when an interpreter is engaged	274.00	274.00
Additional preparation for extraordinary matters (plea of guilty)	1920.00	2720.00
Additional preparation for extraordinary matters (trial)	3200.00	–
Mentions/formal sentence/pre-sentence return date		
Solicitor only	193.00	246.00
Solicitor instructing	143.00	143.00
Court time instructing counsel		
Up to three hours	480.00	497.00
Full day	960.00	994.00
Negotiation/case conference		
Conference	235.00	235.00
Negotiation	235.00	235.00
Prison visit		
	228.00	228.00
Cross-examination of protected witnesses		
Half day court attendance	480.00	497.00
Full day court attendance	960.00	994.00
Late night jury		
Per hour	182.00	182.00
Brisbane and Ipswich District Court Sexual Violence Case Management List Pilot		
	560.00	–

Solicitor advocate

	<i>District Court Children's Court of Queensland</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Supreme Court</i> Fixed fee (\$)
Preparation		
Plea	508.00	649.00
Breach	508.00	649.00
Pre-trial hearing	508.00	649.00
Additional preparation for 20 or more charges	320.00	320.00
Additional preparation for 100 or more charges	640.00	640.00
Additional preparation when an interpreter is engaged	274.00	274.00
Trial	1016.00	—
Mentions/formal sentence/pre-sentence return date		
Solicitor only	193.00	246.00
Court time		
Up to three hours	568.00	695.00
Full day	1136.00	1390.00
Negotiation/case conference/conference		
	235.00	235.00
Late night jury		
Per hour	182.00	—

Counsel

	<i>Childrens Court Magistrates Court Fixed fee (\$)</i>	<i>District Court Children's Court of Queensland Fixed fee (\$)</i>	<i>Supreme Court Fixed fee (\$)</i>
Preparation			
Plea	–	263.00	406.00
Breach	–	263.00	406.00
Pre-trial hearing	–	263.00	406.00
Early stages of committal proceedings	320.00	–	–
Formal application for Cross-examination of witnesses, disclosure direction order, and/or indicting summary matters	320.00	–	–
Committal hearing with Cross-examination	320.00	–	–
Higher court trial	–	792.00	5655.00
Bail application	–	–	497.00
Additional preparation time for extraordinary matters (plea)	–	2191.00	3560.00
Additional preparation time for extraordinary matters (trial)	3029.00	3651.00	–
Mentions/formal sentence/pre-sentence return date			
Mentions instructed	–	193.00	246.00
Court time			
Up to three hours	480.00	568.00	695.00
Full day	960.00	1136.00	1390.00
Negotiation/case conferencing			
Conference	–	235.00	235.00
Negotiation	235.00	235.00	235.00
Prison visit			
	228.00	228.00	228.00
Cross-examination of protected witnesses			
Cross-examination of protected witness(es) (Committal in the Magistrates or Childrens Court or sentence or trial in the District Court, Children's Court of Queensland or Supreme Court)	960.00	1136.00	1390.00
Cross-examination of protected witness(es) DV Offences (Summary trial in the Magistrates or Childrens Court)	1717.00	–	–
Summary trial (prepare and attend)			
	1717.00	–	–
Late night jury			
Per hour	–	301.00	301.00
Brisbane and Ipswich District Court Sexual Violence Case Management List Pilot			
	–	448.00	–

Criminal law appeals

	<i>Solicitor Fixed fee (\$)</i>	<i>Solicitor Advocate Fixed fee (\$)</i>	<i>Counsel Fixed fee (\$)</i>
District court s 222 appeal			
Investigate prospects — sentence	622.00	—	—
Investigate prospects — conviction and sentence	934.00	—	—
Preparation and first day	1600.00	2739.00	1905.00
Court of Appeal			
Investigate prospects — sentence	960.00	—	1273.00
Investigate prospects — conviction	1760.00	—	2225.00
Investigate prospects — conviction and sentence	2560.00	—	3173.00
Investigate prospects — subsequent appeal	2640.00	—	3338.00
Appeal against sentence			
Preparation and first day	936.00	—	1935.00
Subsequent days	497.00	—	1390.00
Appeal against conviction			
Preparation and first day	1701.00	—	3344.00
Subsequent half day	497.00	—	—
Subsequent full day	994.00	—	1390.00
Appeal against conviction and sentence			
Preparation and first day	2328.00	—	4770.00
Subsequent half day	497.00	—	—
Subsequent full day	994.00	—	1390.00
Subsequent appeal			
Preparation and first day	2055.00	—	5016.00
Subsequent half day	497.00	—	—
Subsequent full day	994.00	—	1390.00
High Court			
Investigate prospects	1015.00	—	2225.00
Preparation and first day — application for special leave	1861.00	—	3344.00
Preparation and first day — appeal	1861.00	—	3344.00
Subsequent half day	497.00	—	—
Subsequent full day	994.00	—	2094.00
Application for pardon			
Investigate prospects — application for pardon	2640.00	—	1909.00
Preparation and submission of application of pardon	1701.00	—	3344.00
Double Jeopardy exception application			
Preparation and first day	2055.00	—	3344.00
Subsequent half day	497.00	—	—
Subsequent full day	994.00	—	1390.00

	<i>Solicitor</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Solicitor Advocate</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Counsel</i> Fixed fee (\$)
DNA historic case review			
Preliminary advice — DNA re-tested	800.00	—	—
Preliminary advice — DNA not re-tested	480.00	—	—