

# Scale of fees – family law

## *Solicitor fees: party matters*

### STAGE 1

#### Early intervention/family dispute resolution

*Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)*

	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Family dispute resolution conference ( <i>initial grant</i> ) —includes preparation and filing of consent orders	7	1071.00

#### Property arbitration

*Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)*

	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Participation in property arbitration program	14	2142.00
Undertake conveyancing on behalf of the purchaser as a result of a property arbitration decision	3	459.00
Undertake conveyancing on behalf of the vendor as a result of a property arbitration decision	1	153.00
Review or clarify the award in line with the slip rule provisions	3	459.00
Apply or respond to an application to register an arbitral award	7	1071.00

### STAGE 2

#### Initiate or respond to court proceedings up to trial directions

*Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)*

	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Initiate/respond to proceedings until substantive interim parenting order made	20	3060.00
Additional attendance if substantive interim order is not made within 3 court appearances	2	306.00
Representation after substantive interim parenting order made until trial directions are issued	8	1224.00
Additional attendance if trial directions not issued within 3 court appearances	2	306.00
Representation at further subsequently listed interim hearing after substantive interim parenting order made	6	918.00
Additional preparation where an interpreter is engaged or there are three or more parties involved ( <i>excluding the ICL</i> )	3	459.00

## In-litigation family dispute resolution

	<i>Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)</i>	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Court-based family dispute resolution conference – includes preparation and filing of consent orders	9	1377.00
LAQ convened family dispute resolution conference (any stage other than the initial grant) – includes preparation and filing of consent orders	5	765.00

## STAGE 3

### Prepare for trial

	<i>Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)</i>	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Prepare for 1 or 2 day trial ( <i>solicitor instructing counsel</i> )	20	3060.00
Prepare for 1 or 2 day trial ( <i>solicitor advocate</i> )	23	3519.00
Additional attendance if trial does not occur within 2 court appearances	2	306.00
Additional preparation for 3 or 4 day trial ( <i>solicitor instructing counsel</i> )	10	1530.00
Additional preparation for 3 or 4 day trial ( <i>solicitor advocate</i> )	13	1989.00
Additional preparation for 5 or 6 day trial ( <i>solicitor instructing counsel</i> )	15	2295.00
Additional preparation for 5 or 6 day trial ( <i>solicitor advocate</i> )	18	2754.00
Additional preparation where an interpreter is engaged or there are three or more parties involved ( <i>excluding the ICL</i> )	3	459.00
Additional preparation for trials listed for 7 or more days ( <i>negotiated</i> )	Hourly rate	Hourly rate

## STAGE 4

### Trial attendance

	<i>Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)</i>	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Day one of trial ( <i>solicitor instructing counsel</i> )	6	918.00
Day one of trial ( <i>solicitor advocate—at hourly rate \$208 per hour</i> )	6	1248.00
Additional preparation for adjourned trial ( <i>solicitor</i> )	8	1224.00
Additional preparation for adjourned trial ( <i>solicitor advocate</i> )	9	1377.00
Additional days of trial ( <i>solicitor instructing counsel</i> )	6	918.00
Additional days of trial ( <i>solicitor advocate—hourly rate \$208</i> )	6	1248.00

## STAGE 5

### Appeals

Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Opinion on prospects of success	6	918.00
Appeal to single judge ( <i>including day 1</i> )	12	1836.00
Appeal to full court ( <i>including day 1</i> )	13	1989.00
Additional days of appeal	6	918.00
Additional preparation for appeal ( <i>negotiated</i> )	Hourly rate	Hourly rate

## Recovery, contravention and financial enforcement

Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
<b>Recovery</b>		
Apply or respond to an application for recovery, information or location order where final parenting order exist	6	918.00
<b>Enforcement</b>		
Apply or respond to an application for enforcement ( <i>contravention, contempt of court orders or financial enforcement</i> )	12	1836.00
Additional days of enforcement proceedings ( <i>contravention, contempt of court orders or financial enforcement</i> )	6	918.00

## Divorce

Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Divorce where there are no children under 18 years of age	4	612.00
Divorce where there are children under 18 years of age	5	765.00

## Spousal maintenance/Preservation of property/ Transfer of property/Parentage testing

Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
<b>Spousal maintenance</b>		
Apply or respond to proceedings for a spousal maintenance order	20	3060.00
<b>Preservation of property</b>		
Apply for proceedings to preserve property	20	3060.00
<b>Transfer of property</b>		
Transfer of property	3	459.00
<b>Parentage testing</b>		
Arrange parentage testing	1.5	229.50

## Application in a proceeding/Consent orders

Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
<b>Application in a proceeding</b>		
Application in a proceeding ( <i>stand-alone event</i> )	9	1377.00
Application for a protected confidences direction	3	459.00
<b>Consent orders</b>		
Application for consent orders ( <i>stand alone</i> )	4	612.00

## Transfer of solicitor/Agents fees

Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
<b>Transfer of solicitor</b>		
Transfer of solicitor ( <i>negotiated</i> )	Hourly rate	Hourly rate
<b>Agents fees</b>		
Engage an agent in a family law matter	2	306.00

# Scale of fees – family law

## *Independent Children's Lawyer matters*

### STAGE 1

#### Independent Children's Lawyer only

<i>Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)</i>		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Appointment of ICL—perusal of court file	6	918.00

### STAGE 2

#### Independent Children's Lawyer only

<i>Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)</i>		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Represent to trial directions	20	3060.00
Additional attendance if trial directions not issued within 3 court appearances	2	306.00
Representation at further subsequently listed interim hearing after substantive interim parenting order made	8	1224.00
Additional preparation where an interpreter is engaged or there are three or more parties involved ( <i>excluding the ICL</i> )	3	459.00

## In-litigation family dispute resolution

<i>Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)</i>		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Court-based family dispute resolution conference – includes preparation and filing of consent orders	9	1377.00
LAQ convened family dispute resolution conference (any stage other than the initial grant) – includes preparation and filing of consent orders	5	765.00

## STAGE 3

### Independent Children's Lawyer only

Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Prepare for 1 or 2 day trial ( <i>solicitor instructing counsel</i> )	22	3366.00
Prepare for 1 or 2 day trial ( <i>solicitor advocate</i> )	25	3825.00
Additional preparation where an interpreter is engaged or there are three or more parties involved ( <i>excluding the ICL</i> )	3	459.00
Additional attendance if trial does not occur within 2 court appearances	2	306.00
Additional preparation for 3 or 4 day trial ( <i>solicitor instructing counsel</i> )	10	1530.00
Additional preparation for 3 or 4 day trial ( <i>solicitor advocate</i> )	13	1989.00
Additional preparation for 5 or 6 day trial ( <i>solicitor instructing counsel</i> )	15	2295.00
Additional preparation for 5 or 6 day trial ( <i>solicitor advocate</i> )	18	2754.00
Additional preparation for trials listed for 7 or more days ( <i>negotiated</i> )	Hourly rate	Hourly rate

## STAGE 4

### Independent Children's Lawyer only

Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Day one of trial ( <i>solicitor instructing counsel</i> )	6	918.00
Day one of trial ( <i>solicitor advocate—at hourly rate \$208 per hour</i> )	6	1248.00
Additional preparation for adjourned trial ( <i>solicitor</i> )	8	1224.00
Additional preparation for adjourned trial ( <i>solicitor advocate</i> )	9	1377.00
Additional days of trial ( <i>solicitor instructing counsel</i> )	6	918.00
Additional days of trial ( <i>solicitor advocate—hourly rate \$208</i> )	6	1248.00
ICL to assist with final orders ( <i>hourly rate</i> )	Hourly rate	Hourly rate

## STAGE 5

### Independent Children's Lawyer only

Solicitor fees (\$153 per hour)		
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Appeal to single judge ( <i>including day 1</i> )	12	1836.00
Appeal to full court ( <i>including day 1</i> )	13	1989.00
Additional days of appeal	6	918.00
Additional preparation for appeal ( <i>negotiated</i> )	Hourly rate	Hourly rate

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## Counsel fees: all matters

### Counsel

Counsel fees (\$208 per hour)

	Maximum fee (\$)
<b>Interim hearing</b> <i>(complex matters only)</i>	
Preparation and attendance at an interim hearing	1248.00
<b>Trial</b>	
Preparation for 1 or 2 day trial	2496.00
Additional preparation for 3 or 4 day trial	1248.00
Additional preparation for 5 or 6 day trial	2496.00
Additional preparation for trials listed for 7 or more days (negotiated)	Hourly rate
Days of trial	1248.00
Additional preparation for adjourned trial	1248.00
<b>Appeals</b>	
Opinion on prospects of success	1248.00
Appeal to single judge	2496.00
Appeal to full court	2496.00
Additional days of appeal <i>(per day)</i>	1248.00
Additional preparation for appeal <i>(negotiated)</i> .	Hourly rate