

Scale of fees – family law

Solicitor fees: party matters

STAGE 1

Early intervention/family dispute resolution

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Family dispute resolution conference (<i>initial grant</i>) —includes preparation and filing of consent orders	7	980.00
Family dispute resolution conference (<i>any stage other than the initial grant</i>) —includes preparation and filing of consent orders	5	700.00

Property arbitration

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Participation in property arbitration program	14	1960.00
Undertake conveyancing on behalf of the purchaser as a result of a property arbitration decision	3	420.00
Undertake conveyancing on behalf of the vendor as a result of a property arbitration decision	1	140.00
Review or clarify the award in line with the slip rule provisions	3	420.00
Apply or respond to an application to register an arbitral award	7	980.00

STAGE 2

Initiate or respond to court proceedings up to trial directions

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Initiate/respond to proceedings until substantive interim parenting order made	16	2240.00
Top up grant if substantive interim order is not made within 3 court appearances	2	280.00
Representation after substantive interim parenting order made until trial directions are issued	8	1120.00
Top up grant if trial directions not issued within 3 court appearances	2	280.00
Additional preparation where an interpreter is engaged or there are three or more parties involved (<i>excluding the ICL</i>)	3	720.00

STAGE 3

Prepare for trial

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Prepare for 1 or 2 day trial (<i>solicitor instructing counsel</i>)	20	2800.00
Prepare for 1 or 2 day trial (<i>solicitor advocate</i>)	23	3220.00
Top up grant if trial does not occur within 2 court appearances	2	280.00
Additional preparation for 3 or 4 day trial (<i>solicitor instructing counsel</i>)	10	1400.00
Additional preparation for 3 or 4 day trial (<i>solicitor advocate</i>)	13	1820.00
Additional preparation for 5 or 6 day trial (<i>solicitor instructing counsel</i>)	15	2100.00
Additional preparation for 5 or 6 day trial (<i>solicitor advocate</i>)	18	2520.00
Additional preparation where an interpreter is engaged or there are three or more parties involved (<i>excluding the ICL</i>)	3	420.00
Additional preparation for trials listed for 7 or more days (<i>negotiated</i>)	Hourly rate	Hourly rate

STAGE 4

Trial attendance

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Day one of trial (<i>solicitor instructing counsel</i>)	6	840.00
Day one of trial (<i>solicitor advocate—at hourly rate \$191 per hour</i>)	6	1146.00
Additional preparation for adjourned trial (<i>solicitor</i>)	8	1120.00
Additional preparation for adjourned trial (<i>solicitor advocate</i>)	9	1260.00
Additional days of trial (<i>solicitor instructing counsel</i>)	6	840.00
Additional days of trial (<i>solicitor advocate—hourly rate \$191</i>)	6	1146.00

STAGE 5

Appeals

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Opinion on prospects of success	6	840.00
Appeal to single judge (<i>including day 1</i>)	12	1680.00
Appeal to full court (<i>including day 1</i>)	13	1820.00
Additional days of appeal	6	840.00
Additional preparation for appeal (<i>negotiated</i>)	Hourly rate	Hourly rate

Recovery, contravention and financial enforcement

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Recovery Apply or respond to an application for recovery, information or location order where final parenting order exist	6	840.00
Enforcement Apply or respond to an application for enforcement (<i>contravention, contempt of court orders or financial enforcement</i>)	12	1680.00
Additional days of enforcement proceedings (<i>contravention, contempt of court orders or financial enforcement</i>)	6	840.00

Divorce

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Divorce where there are no children under 18 years of age	4	560.00
Divorce where there are children under 18 years of age	5	700.00

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

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Spousal maintenance Apply or respond to proceedings for a spousal maintenance order	16	2240.00
Preservation of property Apply for proceedings to preserve property	16	2240.00
Transfer of property Transfer of property	3	420.00
Parentage testing Arrange parentage testing	1.5	210.00

Application in a case/Consent orders

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Application in a case		
Application in a case (<i>stand-alone event</i>)	9	1260.00
Consent orders		
Application for consent orders (<i>stand alone</i>)	4	560.00

Transfer of solicitor/Agents fees

	Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Transfer of solicitor		
Transfer of solicitor (<i>negotiated</i>)	Hourly rate	Hourly rate
Agents fees		
Engage an agent in a family law matter	2	295.00

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Independent Children’s Lawyer matters

STAGE 1

Independent Children’s Lawyer only

Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)

	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Appointment of ICL—perusal of court file	6	840.00

STAGE 2

Independent Children’s Lawyer only

Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)

	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Represent to trial directions	15	2100.00
Top up grant if trial directions not issued within 3 court appearances	2	280.00
Additional preparation where an interpreter is engaged or there are three or more parties involved (<i>excluding the ICL</i>)	3	420.00
Family dispute resolution conference at any stage of litigation	5	700.00

STAGE 3

Independent Children’s Lawyer only

Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)

	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Prepare for 1 or 2 day trial (<i>solicitor instructing counsel</i>)	22	3080.00
Prepare for 1 or 2 day trial (<i>solicitor advocate</i>)	25	2500.00
Additional preparation where an interpreter is engaged or there are three or more parties involved (<i>excluding the ICL</i>)	3	420.00
Top up grant if trial does not occur within 2 court appearances	2	280.00
Additional preparation for 3 or 4 day trial (<i>solicitor instructing counsel</i>)	10	1400.00
Additional preparation for 3 or 4 day trial (<i>solicitor advocate</i>)	13	1820.00
Additional preparation for 5 or 6 day trial (<i>solicitor instructing counsel</i>)	15	2100.00
Additional preparation for 5 or 6 day trial (<i>solicitor advocate</i>)	18	2520.00
Additional preparation for trials listed for 7 or more days (<i>negotiated</i>)	Hourly rate	Hourly rate

STAGE 4

Independent Children's Lawyer only

	<i>Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)</i>	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Day one of trial (<i>solicitor instructing counsel</i>)	6	840.00
Day one of trial (<i>solicitor advocate—at hourly rate \$185 per hour</i>)	6	1146.00
Additional preparation for adjourned trial (<i>solicitor</i>)	8	1120.00
Additional preparation for adjourned trial (<i>solicitor advocate</i>)	9	1260.00
Additional days of trial (<i>solicitor instructing counsel</i>)	6	840.00
Additional days of trial (<i>solicitor advocate—hourly rate \$185</i>)	6	1146.00
ICL to assist with final orders (<i>hourly rate</i>)	1	140.00

STAGE 5

Independent Children's Lawyer only

	<i>Solicitor fees (\$140 per hour)</i>	
	Maximum hours	Maximum fee (\$)
Appeal to single judge (<i>including day 1</i>)	12	1680.00
Appeal to full court (<i>including day 1</i>)	13	1820.00
Additional days of appeal	6	840.00
Additional preparation for appeal (<i>negotiated</i>)	Hourly rate	Hourly rate

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Counsel fees: all matters

Counsel

	Maximum fee (\$)
Interim hearing (<i>complex matters only</i>)	
Preparation and attendance at an interim hearing	1146.00
Trial	
Preparation for 1 or 2 day trial	1146.00
Additional preparation for 3 or 4 day trial	1146.00
Additional preparation for 5 or 6 day trial	2291.90
Additional preparation for trials listed for 7 or more days. Maximum number of additional hours advised. Preparation and attendance at trial (<i>per day</i>).	Hourly rate @ 191.00 per hour
Days of trial	1146.00
Additional preparation for adjourned trial	1146.00
Appeals	
Opinion on prospects of success	1146.00
Appeal to single judge	2291.90
Appeal to full court	2291.90
Additional days of appeal (<i>per day</i>)	1146.00
Additional preparation for appeal (<i>negotiated</i>). Maximum number of additional hours as advised.	Hourly rate @ 191.00 per hour