

Variation of Scales Applicable Under Appendix to Order 63 of the Supreme Court Rules

The Master advises the following regarding Supreme Court Cost Rules – Cost Variation.

"I enclose a copy of the direction of the Chief Justice pursuant to paragraph 4 of Part 1 of the Appendix to Order 63. There has been no change to the rates per unit and therefore no change to the composite scale."

Direction of the Chief Justice

I, Brian Frank Martin, AO, MBE, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Australia, pursuant to paragraph 4 of part 1 of the Appendix to Order 63, and after considering the recommendation of the Master, direct that the rate per unit applicable under paragraph 3 of that Part will, from 1 January 1997, be as follows:-

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| (a) | for a solicitor | \$15 per unit |
| (b) | for a clerk | \$8 per unit |

Counsels' Fees Guidelines

The Master also advises the following with regard to Counsels' Fees Guidelines:

"I [...] enclose a copy of the scale of fees which I shall propose to bring into effect on 21 January 1997. The text accompanying the scale will remain as that published in the Almanac.

I note that I have suggested to Mildren J that the provisions of O.63.72(6) be modified so that it conforms with current practice of counsel charging on the basis of a daily fee."

Counsel Fees Guidelines

1. Court Preparation and Conferences (per hour)

Up to Junior	\$160.00
Senior/Junior	\$250.00
Senior	\$400.00

2. Per day

Up to Junior	\$1,120.00
Senior/Junior	\$1,750.00
Senior	\$2,800.00

3. Opinions

Up to Junior	\$480.00
Senior/Junior	\$750.00
Senior	\$1,200.00

2. Drawing or settling

Up to Junior	\$240.00
Senior/Junior	\$375.00
Senior	\$600.00