

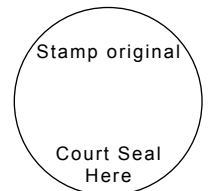
Family Graduated Fees Reference to Judge

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| Court type (High, County, Family Proceedings): | | | |
| Case number: | Case type: Inj / PuCh / PrCh / AR | | |
| Counsel claiming: | Hearing type (F2 / F3 / F5): | | |
| Party represented: | Certificate number: | | |
| Hearing dates: | Case settled at interim hearing: | | |
| Attendance times: | Case settled on first day of final hearing (if listed for 2 or more days): | | |
| FDR: | | CMC: | |

I hereby certify that the following payments are due to Counsel in accordance with the Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) Order 2001 (as amended 4 August 2009).

Judge's or Magistrate's Certification

(Please tick all relevant boxes)



PART A — Special Issue Payments

(i) I confirm that the proceedings before the Court involved:

Family Injunctions (family proceedings (other than those for ancillary relief) for an injunction, committal order, or other order for the protection of a person (other than proceedings for the protection of children in the section immediately below)).

- a litigant in person present at the hearing claimed for and representing themselves
- more than one expert (called or read) whose evidence was of substance and relevance to any of the issues before the Court at that hearing (**discretionary Special Issue**).

Public Law Children (family proceedings under Parts III, IV or V of the Children Act 1989, adoption proceedings (including applications to free for adoption or applications for a placement order), proceedings under the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, and other family proceedings within the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court concerning the welfare of children (other than proceedings for ancillary relief)).

- representation of a person who has difficulty giving instruction or understanding advice, attributable to a mental disorder or to a significant impairment of intelligence or social functioning.
- representation of: (i) a parent or parents of a child who is the subject of proceedings, or (ii) another person (including a child) against whom allegations are made that he has caused or is likely to cause significant harm to a child.
- more than one expert (called or read) whose evidence was of substance and relevance to any of the issues before the Court at that hearing (**discretionary Special Issue**).
- or were alleged to involve a relevant foreign element which was of substance and relevance to any of the issues before the Court at that hearing (**discretionary Special Issue**).
- or were alleged to involve, a party who has or may have been involved in conduct by virtue of which a child who is the subject of the proceedings has, may have, or might suffer very significant harm and this was of substance and relevance to any of the issues before the Court at that hearing (**discretionary Special Issue**).

Private Law Children (family proceedings between individuals concerning the welfare of children (other than those for Ancillary Relief or Public Law Children)).

- a litigant in person present at the hearing claimed for and representing themselves
- more than two parties
- representation of a person who has difficulty giving instruction or understanding advice, attributable to a mental disorder or to a significant impairment of intelligence or social functioning.
- more than one expert (called or read) whose evidence was of substance and relevance to any of the issues before the Court at that hearing (**discretionary Special Issue**).
- or were alleged to involve a relevant foreign element which was of substance and relevance to any of the issues before the Court at that hearing (**discretionary Special Issue**).
- or were alleged to involve, a party who has or may have been involved in conduct by virtue of which a child who is the subject of the proceedings has, may have, or might suffer very significant harm and this was of substance and relevance to any of the issues before the Court at that hearing (**discretionary Special Issue**).

Ancillary Relief and all other family proceedings (all other family proceedings not included in the categories above)

- a litigant in person present at the hearing claimed for and representing themselves
- more than two parties
- or were alleged to involve a relevant foreign element which was of substance and relevance to any of the issues before the Court at that hearing (**discretionary Special Issue**).

PART B — Court Bundle Payment

I confirm that the court bundle or, where there is no court bundle, counsel's brief is

- between 176 and 350 pages and merits a court bundle payment 1
- between 350 and 700 pages and merits a court bundle payment 2

PART C — Special Preparation Fee

I confirm that I have received from counsel written evidence of the basis for their claim for a special preparation fee (Written Evidence of Basis for Special Preparation Fee form), and I confirm that these proceedings attract a special preparation fee on the following basis (TICK ONE BOX ONLY):

- (i) they involve exceptionally complex issues of law or fact or it was otherwise an exceptional case of its nature;

or

- (ii) in public law children proceedings, in relation to work carried out within the secondary hearing unit of Function 5, the main hearing was split so that a period of at least four months elapsed between its commencement and the time at which it resumed.

such that it has been necessary for counsel to carry out work by way of preparation substantially in excess of the amount normally carried out for proceedings of the same type; or

- (iii) the court bundle or, where there is no court bundle, counsel's brief, exceeds 700 pages.

This fee should be calculated on the basis of (*insert number*) _____ hours of preparation in excess of the amount normally carried out for proceedings of the same type.

Signature of Judge or Magistrate

Dated

Judicial title

A copy of this form to be retained on the Court file.

This form should only be used to certify or approve the things on it.

In using or approving this form, the attention of the court and of counsel is drawn to the guidance on the Family Graduated Fee Scheme at Part D, Volume 1 of the LSC Manual.