



Legal Aid Billing Seminar

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Unused material

- ❖ Up to 3hrs Fixed fee £59.09

- ❖ Appears only 80% of Bar are claiming this fee - Why?

- ❖ Over 3hrs - hourly rate £ 39.39

- ❖ Complete Form AU1
 - ❖ Work log detailing all work under taken - date , work & Time taken
 - ❖ Copies of the unused material reviewed
 - ❖ Over 30hrs submitted on Galaxkey to CCU team

Paper Heavy Cases

- ❖ Paragraph 17 (c) Schedule 1 of the Regulations introduced
 - ❖ PPE exceeds the following offence category thresholds
 - ❖ Reasonable Number of Hours to **READ** the evidence
 - ❖ Supply Brief taxation Note & Work log
 - ❖ Supply all documents viewed to the LAA via Galaxkey



AGFS Offence Band	PPE Threshold (Page No's)
1	10,000
2	750
3	700
4	750
5	650
6	NA
7	550
8	600
9	NA
10	800
11	350
12	750
13	750
14	350
15	150
16	300
17	100

Certificate For Counsel Cases

- ❖ Where counsel is assigned under a Representation Order
- ❖ Counsel must be paid in accordance with the rates set out in the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013

Work Covered	Junior	Queens Counsel
Basic fee for preparation, including for a pre-trial review & the first day's hearing and any other preparation)	£468.00	£4446.00
Refreshers	£162.00	£297.00
Consultations, Conferences & Views	£29.25ph	£54.50ph
Written work	£51.25	£105.00
Pre Trial Reviews, Applications & other appearances	94.00	205.00

Certificate For Counsel Cases

- ❖ Argue that the above rates do not provide reasonable remuneration for some or all of the work
 - ❖ Character of the defendant
 - ❖ The weight & complexity of the case
 - ❖ Importance of the case to the defendant
 - ❖ Type of allegation
 - ❖ Degree of public interest
 - ❖ Skill, labour, specialised knowledge & responsibility on counsel
 - ❖ Need for expert evidence
 - ❖ Defence witness difficulties
 - ❖ Length of trial
- ❖ Travel - counsel is instructed to appear at a court which is not within 25 miles of chambers

Certificate For Counsel Cases

- ❖ Claim submitted on Form CRM 8 to solicitors along with taxation notes , work logs, any written work & fee note.
- ❖ LAA Assess the claim and pay Counsel Direct.
- ❖ LAA response will be a standard response
- ❖ If the circumstances of the cases and the supporting evidence supports the enhanced fee application

What Does The Future Hold?

- ❖ Up & Coming Review how will fees be increased?
- ❖ Rumour is that payment will be made for preparing a case for Court
- ❖ Increase in work logs and taxation notes justifying the work undertaken
- ❖ Is This The End of the fixed Basic Fee - Food for thought.