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LEGAL COSTS

We offer a variety of services that have different costs.

Where possible we provide a fixed fee such as for estate planning and conveyancing.

We do not offer free interviews but rather have carefully designed a range of instruction booklets which save time and effectively 'skip' the questions asked at free interviews with other providers. In this way you receive the same benefit but also get better and more informed advice from the outset.

Where there is no fixed fee our solicitors charge in accordance with the industry standard which is known as the Supreme Court Scale. This scale is in our Boylan Lawyers Scale of Costs follows this page. Our partners' fees are charged at a higher rate as described on the following page.

Our Terms of Trade are that all Invoices are payable within 7 days. Boylan Lawyers can stop acting for a client if an account is not paid. Account rendered notices attract a \$5.50 fee. Interest of 10% per annum is charged on unpaid accounts.

For matters where legal fees will exceed \$1,500 we will provide you with a detailed terms of engagement. **Please raise any questions you have about fees with us.**

NO WIN NO FEE AND DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

In some personal injury cases we act on a no win no fee basis where we do not get paid unless we are successful. In others we act on a deferred fee basis where we are prepared to wait for payment of most of our fees until the settlement amount is received. Partners determine whether we are engaged in this way on a case by case basis.

There is a client assessment process to complete in order to be accepted on a deferred fee basis. During this assessment, we will charge in accordance with the Boylan Lawyers Scale of Costs. If you do not qualify for a deferred basis, then you will be liable to pay our fees in accordance with our usual terms.

TRUST ACCOUNT

At the beginning of your matter we may request that you pay a retainer for our fees into our trust account to be held in our trust account until the conclusion of your matter or in the event you stop instructing us. That amount remains in trust and is used to pay future disbursements or an outstanding monthly bill. If the trust amount goes below our retainer amount, for disbursements or payment of overdue accounts, then we will ask you to 'top up' the trust account so that it remains at the retainer amount. For most clients the retainer amount sits in trust until the finalisation of their matter and they simply pay each month as their matter progresses.

BOYLAN LAWYERS SCALE OF COSTS - 1 JANUARY 2021

The below descriptions and the Higher Court Scale Rate Solicitor Rate is in accordance with the Higher Court Scale which is industry base rate for solicitor fees. Costs described exclude GST.

		BOYLAN LAWYERS RATES		
		Higher Court Scale Rate Solicitor	Boylan Lawyers Director	Boylan Lawyers Senior Director
	DOCUMENTS			
1	Drawing & Engrossing Drawing any document of importance other than correspondence and those listed in item 1, per 1/4 page	\$37.50	\$41.25	\$45.00
2	Drawing proofs, indices, formal lists, extracts from other documents, lists of authorities, or other formal documents, per 1/4 page	\$19.00	\$20.90	\$22.80
3	Engrossing documents, when copying or scanning is not appropriate, per 1/4 page	\$5.50	\$6.05	\$6.60
4	Perusing and examining documents & electronic documents Perusing documents, per 1/4 page	\$2.75 - \$10.75	\$3.03 - \$11.83	\$3.30 - \$12.90
5	Examining documents, when perusal is not justified, per 1/4 page	\$0.70	\$0.77	\$0.84
6	Documents produced by copying or scanning, or receiving emails, faxes or any other electronic transmissions Documents produced by copying or scanning, or receiving emails, faxes or any other electronic transmissions	\$0.40	\$0.44	\$0.48
	ATTENDANCES & COMMUNICATIONS			
	Attendances and oral communications, whether personal or by electronic communication, and including attendances to swear or take affidavits, per six minute unit			
7a	By a lawyer involving skill	\$40.00	\$44.00	\$48.00
7b	By a lawyer not involving skill	\$24.00	\$26.40	\$28.80
7c	By a non-lawyer employed or engaged by a lawyer	\$19.00	\$20.90	\$22.80
7d	Arranging appointments, per person, including all work involved.	\$27.00	\$29.70	\$32.40

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Attending Hearings, including preparation, and when not attending as instructing lawyer for counsel				
8a	Ordinary	\$200.00	\$220.00	\$240.00
8b	If protracted, per 6 minute unit of hearing time	\$40.00	\$44.00	\$48.00
9	Filing & Delivery 14. Filing or delivery of documents other than personal service, when no other attendance is properly allowable	\$27.00	\$29.70	\$32.40
	CORRESPONDENCE [Including original to send and the lawyer's file copy, and the ordinary postal or transmission expenses]			
10	Whether sent by letter, email, SMS, or fax, per 1/4 page	\$27.00	\$29.70	\$32.40
11	Circular correspondence, after the first, per item (plus copying for subsequent pages after the first page)	\$13.50	\$14.85	\$16.20
12	Paying disbursements by whatever means and including all work and associated expenses	\$27.00	\$29.70	\$32.40
13	Preparation of Trial Books, Tender Books, Books of Exhibits, Application Books, Appeal Books and Briefs, including indices, pagination and binding, per page	\$2.00	\$2.20	\$2.40
14	Lump sum on a default judgement	\$2,731.00	\$3,004.10	\$3,277.20

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YOUR RIGHTS IN RELATION TO LEGAL COSTS

The following avenues are available to you if you are not happy with your bill:

- discuss your concerns with us
- requesting an itemized bill
- having our costs adjudicated
- applying to set aside our costs agreement
- making a complaint to the Legal Profession Conduct Commissioner (if you believe there has been overcharging).

There may be other avenues available in your State or Territory (such as mediation).

For more information about your rights, please read the fact sheet titled your right to challenge legal costs. You can ask us for a copy, or obtain it from the Law Society of South Australia (or download it from their website).

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Very helpful and aware
of what's required.”

“Listened to my needs
and was helpful, honest
and forthcoming”

Boylan Lawyers advise individuals, families and small business and farm owners across South Australia. We have offices in Strathalbyn, Victor Harbor, Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Whyalla, Coober Pedy, Adelaide, Mile End, Elizabeth and Hobart. We listen to your needs, deliver clear advice and are committed to delivering exceptional service. We offer specialist advice in the following areas of law:

- Hearing Loss
- Family Law
- Property Law
- Wills & Estates
- Workers Compensation
- Unfair Dismissal
- Criminal Law
- Injury Law
- Conveyancing