

Scale of fees – criminal law

Solicitor – Magistrates/childrens court matters

	Fixed fee (\$)
Prepare and attend (includes court time)	
Plea	750.00
Cross-examination of protected witness(es) (up to three hours court time) – Committal	450.00
Cross-examination of protected witness(es) (full day court time) – Committal	900.00
Cross-examination of protected witness(es) DV Offences – Summary trial	1200.00
Preparation	
Trial (Solicitor only)	1050.00
Trial (Solicitor instructing Counsel)	1050.00
Registry committal	300.00
Formal application for Cross-examination of witnesses, disclosure direction order, and/or indicting summary matters	300.00
Committal hearing with Cross-examination	600.00
Bail application	150.00
Investigate prospects of reopening of sentence in line with section 188 of the <i>Penalties and Sentences Act 1992</i>	894.00
Additional preparation for 20 or more charges	300.00
Additional preparation for 100 or more charges	600.00
Additional preparation when an interpreter is engaged	257.00
Additional preparation for extraordinary matters (Solicitor only)	1500.00
Additional preparation for extraordinary matters (Solicitor instructing Counsel)	3000.00
Court time	
Up to three hours	450.00
Full day	900.00
Court time instructing counsel (Summary trial)	
Up to three hours	359.00
Full day	718.00
Court time instructing counsel (Committal)	
Up to three hours	359.00
Full day	718.00
Prison visit	
	214.00
Duty lawyer	
Magistrate court only	150.00

Solicitor – Higher court matters

	<i>District Court Children's Court of Queensland</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Supreme Court</i> Fixed fee (\$)
Preparation		
Plea	316.00	342.00
Breach	316.00	342.00
Pre-trial hearing	316.00	342.00
Vacating a plea	316.00	342.00
Trial	947.00	4130.00
Bail application	150.00	621.00
Investigate prospects of reopening of sentence in line with section 188 of the <i>Penalties and Sentences Act 1992</i>	894.00	894.00
Additional preparation for 20 or more charges	300.00	300.00
Additional preparation for 100 or more charges	600.00	600.00
Additional preparation when an interpreter is engaged	257.00	257.00
Additional preparation for extraordinary matters (plea of guilty)	1800.00	2550.00
Additional preparation for extraordinary matters (trial)	3000.00	–
Mentions/formal sentence/pre-sentence return date		
Solicitor only	181.00	230.00
Solicitor instructing	134.00	134.00
Court time instructing counsel		
Up to three hours	450.00	466.00
Full day	900.00	932.00
Negotiation/case conference		
Conference	221.00	221.00
Negotiation	221.00	221.00
Prison visit		
	214.00	214.00
Cross-examination of protected witnesses		
Half day court attendance	450.00	466.00
Full day court attendance	900.00	932.00
Late night jury		
Per hour	171.00	171.00
Brisbane and Ipswich District Court Sexual Violence Case Management List Pilot		
	525.00	–

Solicitor advocate

	<i>District Court Children's Court of Queensland</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Supreme Court</i> Fixed fee (\$)
Preparation		
Plea	476.00	609.00
Breach	476.00	609.00
Pre-trial hearing	476.00	609.00
Additional preparation for 20 or more charges	300.00	300.00
Additional preparation for 100 or more charges	600.00	600.00
Additional preparation when an interpreter is engaged	257.00	257.00
Trial	952.00	–
Mentions/formal sentence/pre-sentence return date		
Solicitor only	181.00	230.00
Court time		
Up to three hours	532.00	652.00
Full day	1064.00	1304.00
Negotiation/case conference/conference		
	221.00	221.00
Late night jury		
Per hour	171.00	–

Counsel

	<i>Childrens Court Magistrates Court</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>District Court Children's Court of Queensland</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Supreme Court</i> Fixed fee (\$)
Preparation			
Plea	–	247.00	380.00
Breach	–	247.00	380.00
Pre-trial hearing	–	247.00	380.00
Early stages of committal proceedings	300.00	–	–
Formal application for Cross-examination of witnesses, disclosure direction order, and/or indicting summary matters	300.00	–	–
Committal hearing with Cross-examination	300.00	–	–
Higher court trial	–	743.00	5302.00
Bail application	–	–	466.00
Additional preparation time for extraordinary matters (plea)	–	2054.00	3338.00
Additional preparation time for extraordinary matters (trial)	2840.00	3424.00	–
Mentions/formal sentence/pre-sentence return date			
Mentions instructed	–	181.00	230.00
Court time			
Up to three hours	450.00	532.00	652.00
Full day	900.00	1064.00	1304.00
Negotiation/case conferencing			
Conference	–	221.00	221.00
Negotiation	221.00	221.00	221.00
Prison visit			
	214.00	214.00	214.00
Cross-examination of protected witnesses			
Cross-examination of protected witness(es) (Committal in the Magistrates or Childrens Court or sentence or trial in the District Court, Children's Court of Queensland or Supreme Court)	900.00	1064.00	1304.00
Cross-examination of protected witness(es) DV Offences (Summary trial in the Magistrates or Childrens Court)	1610.00	–	–
Summary trial (prepare and attend)			
	1610.00	–	–
Late night jury			
Per hour	–	282.00	282.00
Brisbane and Ipswich District Court Sexual Violence Case Management List Pilot			
	–	420.00	–

Criminal law appeals

	<i>Solicitor</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Solicitor Advocate</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Counsel</i> Fixed fee (\$)
District court s 222 appeal			
Investigate prospects — sentence	583.00	—	—
Investigate prospects — conviction and sentence	875.00	—	—
Preparation and first day	1500.00	2568.00	1786.00
Court of Appeal			
Investigate prospects — sentence	900.00	—	1193.00
Investigate prospects — conviction	1650.00	—	2086.00
Investigate prospects — conviction and sentence	2400.00	—	2975.00
Investigate prospects — subsequent appeal	2475.00	—	3129.00
Appeal against sentence			
Preparation and first day	877.00	—	1815.00
Subsequent days	466.00	—	1304.00
Appeal against conviction			
Preparation and first day	1595.00	—	3135.00
Subsequent half day	466.00	—	—
Subsequent full day	932.00	—	1304.00
Appeal against conviction and sentence			
Preparation and first day	2183.00	—	4473.00
Subsequent half day	466.00	—	—
Subsequent full day	932.00	—	1304.00
Subsequent appeal			
Preparation and first day	1927.00	—	4703.00
Subsequent half day	466.00	—	—
Subsequent full day	932.00	—	1304.00
High Court			
Investigate prospects	952.00	—	2086.00
Preparation and first day — application for special leave	1745.00	—	3135.00
Preparation and first day — appeal	1745.00	—	3135.00
Subsequent half day	466.00	—	—
Subsequent full day	932.00	—	1964.00
Application for pardon			
Investigate prospects — application for pardon	2475.00	—	1790.00
Preparation and submission of application of pardon	1595.00	—	3135.00
Double Jeopardy exception application			
Preparation and first day	1927.00	—	3135.00
Subsequent half day	466.00	—	—
Subsequent full day	932.00	—	1304.00

	<i>Solicitor</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Solicitor Advocate</i> Fixed fee (\$)	<i>Counsel</i> Fixed fee (\$)
DNA historic case review			
Preliminary advice — DNA re-tested	750.00	—	—
Preliminary advice — DNA not re-tested	450.00	—	—