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CHANGES IN VHCC RATES AND COMPARISON WITH PROSECUTION RATES

CATEGORY 1 CASES – HOURLY RATES FOR PREPARATION

	Introduced by Criminal Defence Service (Funding) Order 2001	Introduced by Criminal Defence Service (Funding) Order 2007 (In place April 2007 to August 2010)	Introduced by VHCC Arrangements (In place July 2010 to present)	Proposed new rates	Prosecution rates on cases since 1 March 2012	% change between proposed rates and original 2001 rates
LITIGATOR						
Level A	180	160	145	101.50		43.6%
Level B	140	140	127	88.90		36.5%
Level C	100	100	84	58.80		41.2%
BARRISTER						
QC	180	160	145	101.50	170	43.6%
Leading Junior	140	140	127	88.90	135	36.5%
Led Junior	100	100	91	63.70	100	36.3%
Junior acting alone	110	110	100	70	105	36.3%
Second led junior	70	70	63	44.10	70	37%
Pupil/other junior		50	45	31.50		37% (from 07)
SOLICITOR ADVOCATE						
Leading level A	180	160	145	101.50		43.6%
Led level A	140	140	127	88.90		36.5%
Leading level B	140	140	127	88.90		36.5%
Led level B	115	115	104	72.80		36.7%
Level A alone	145	145	131	91.70		36.7%
Level B alone	125	125	113	79.10		36.7%
Second led solicitor advocate	70	70	63	44.10		37%



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CATEGORY 2 CASES – HOURLY RATES FOR PREPARATION

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LITIGATOR						
Level A	140	125	113	79.10		43.5%
Level B	110	110	100	70		36.3%
Level C	80	80	65	45.50		43.1%
BARRISTER						
QC	140	125	113	79.10	130	43.5%
Leading Junior	110	110	100	70	105	36.3%
Led Junior	80	80	73	51.10	80	36.1%
Junior acting alone	90	90	82	57.40	90	36.2%
Second led junior	55	55	50	35	55	36.3%
Pupil/other junior		40	36	25.20		37% (from 07)
SOLICITOR ADVOCATE						
Leading level A	140	125	113	79.10		43.5%
Led level A	110	110	100	70		36.3%
Leading level B	110	110	100	70		36.3%
Led level B	95	95	86	60.20		36.6%
Level A alone	120	120	109	76.30		36.4%
Level B alone	105	105	95	66.50		36.6%
Second led solicitor advocate	55	55	50	35		36.3%



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CATEGORY 3 CASES – HOURLY RATES FOR PREPARATION

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LITIGATOR						
Level A	110	100	91	63.70		42%
Level B	90	90	79	55.30		38.5%
Level C	70	70	51	35.70		49%
BARRISTER						
QC	110	100	91	63.70	100	42%
Leading Junior	90	90	79	55.30	90	38.5%
Led Junior	70	70	61	42.70	70	39%
Junior acting alone	80	80	70	49	80	38.8%
Second led junior	50	50	43	30.10	60	39.8%
Pupil/other junior		35	30	21		40% (from 07)
SOLICITOR ADVOCATE						
Leading level A	110	100	91	63.70		42%
Led level A	90	90	79	55.30		38.5%
Leading level B	90	90	79	55.30		38.5%
Led level B	75	75	66	46.20		38%
Level A alone	100	100	88	61.60		38.4%
Level B alone	85	85	75	52.50		38.2%
Second led solicitor advocate	50	50	43	30.10		39.8%



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CATEGORY 4 CASES – HOURLY RATES FOR PREPARATION

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LITIGATOR					
Level A	100	100	91	63.70	36.3%
Level B	80	90	79	55.30	30.9%
Level C	60	70	51	35.70	40.5%
BARRISTER					
QC	100	100	91	63.70	36.3%
Leading Junior	80	90	79	55.30	30.9%
Led Junior (5 years +)	60	70	61	42.70	28.8%
Led Junior (Less than 5 years)	50				
Junior acting alone	70	80	70	49	30%
Second led junior			43	30.10	30% (from 2010)
Pupil or other junior		35	30	21	40% (from 2007)
SOLICITOR ADVOCATE					
Leading level A	100	100	91	63.70	36.3%
Led level A	80	90	79	55.30	30.9%
Leading level B	80	90	79	55.30	30.9%
Led level B	65	75	66	46.20	28.9%
Level A alone	85	100	88	61.60	27.5%
Level B alone	75	85	75	52.50	30%
Second led solicitor advocate		50	43	30.10	39.8%



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ADVOCACY (NON-CATEGORY SPECIFIC)

1. Introduced by Criminal Defence Service (Funding) Order 2001 [rates increased to figures below in 2004]

	Preliminary hearing (£)	Half day (£)	Full day (£)
QC	140	300	600
Leading junior	100	225	450
Led junior (5 yrs +)	70	150	300
Junior alone	80	165	330
2 nd led junior	40	75	150
Noter	35	62.50	125

**2. Introduced by Criminal Defence Service (Funding) Order 2007
(In place April 2007 to August 2010)**

	Preliminary hearing (£)	Half day (£)	Full day (£)
QC	125	262.50	525
Leading junior	100	225	450
Led junior	70	150	300
Junior alone	80	165	330
2 nd led junior	40	75	150
Noter	35	62.50	125

**3. Introduced by VHCC Arrangements
(In place July 2010 to present)**

	Preliminary hearing (£)	Half day (£)	Full day (£)
QC	113	238	476
Leading junior	86	195	390
Led junior	58	126	252
Junior alone	67	143	285
2 nd led junior	34	64	128
Noter	29	55	109



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4. Proposed new rates (and % change from 2004 figures)

	Preliminary hearing (£)		Half day (£)	Full day (£)	
QC	79.10	(43.5%)	166.60	333.20	(44.4%)
Leading junior	60.20	(39.8%)	136.50	273	(39.3%)
Led junior	40.60	(42%)	88.20	176.40	(41.2%)
Junior alone	46.90	(41.8%)	100.10	199.50	(39.5%)
2 nd led junior	23.80	(40.5%)	44.80	89.60	(40.3%)
Noter	20.30	(42%)	38.50	76.30	(38.9%)

5. Prosecution rates (since March 2012)

	Preliminary hearing (£)	Half day (£)	Full day (£)
QC	140	285	570
Leading junior	100	215	430
Led junior	70	145	290
Junior alone	80	155	310
2 nd led junior	40	75	150
Noter	35	62.5	125