

2003 No. 43

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

**Legal Aid (Remuneration of Solicitors and Counsel in
County Court Proceedings) (Amendment) Order
(Northern Ireland) 2003**

Made - - - - - 25th January 2003

To be laid before Parliament

Coming into operation 3rd March 2003

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 13(2) of and paragraphs 1(2)(b), 2(2)(b) and 6 of Schedule 2 to the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a), hereby, after consultation with the County Court Rules Committee, makes the following Order:

Citation, operation, application and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Legal Aid (Remuneration of Solicitors and Counsel in County Court Proceedings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on 3rd March 2003.

(3) In this Order “the principal Order” means the Legal Aid (Remuneration of Solicitors and Counsel in County Court Proceedings) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981(b).

Saving and revocation

2.—(1) This Order shall apply to any assessment of sums allowed to solicitors and counsel in respect of proceedings commenced after 3rd March 2003.

(2) The Legal Aid (Remuneration of Solicitors and Counsel in County Court Proceedings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982(c) is hereby revoked save in its application to any case to which paragraph (1) does not apply.

Amendments as to maximum amounts allowable

3. In Article 2(2) of the principal Order for the figure “£700” there shall be substituted the figure “£2400”.

4. In Article 2(3) of the principal Order for the figure “£150” there shall be substituted the figure “£600”.

Dated 25th January, 2003

Irvine of Lairg, C.

(a) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8)

(b) S.R. 1981 No. 179; as amended by S.R.1982 No. 350

(c) S.R. 1982 No. 350

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order increases the maximum amounts allowable as remuneration for solicitors and counsel acting for legally aided persons in proceedings (other than equity suits and actions remitted from the High Court) in the county court to accord with the scale costs prescribed by the County Court (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2002 (S.R. 2002 No. 412). The maximum amounts allowable may be exceeded if the judge before whom the proceedings took place certifies that the maximum amounts shall not apply.

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