



# Solicitors Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 47

### PART III

#### REMUNERATION OF SOLICITORS

##### *Contentious business*

#### 66 [F1Assessments] with respect to contentious business.

Subject to the provisions of any rules of court, on every [F2assessment] of costs in respect of any contentious business, the [F3costs officer] may—

- (a) allow interest at such rate and from such time as he thinks just on money disbursed by the solicitor for the client, and on money of the client in the hands of, and improperly retained by, the solicitor [F4or an employee of the solicitor]; and
- (b) in determining the remuneration of the solicitor, have regard to the skill, labour and responsibility involved in the business done by him [F5or by any employee of his who is an authorised person (within the meaning of section 56(5A))].

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 66: word in section heading substituted (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 177, 211, [Sch. 16 para. 62\(a\)](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with art. 9)
- F2** Word in s. 66 substituted (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 177, 211, [Sch. 16 para. 62\(b\)](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with art. 9)
- F3** Words in s. 66 substituted (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 177, 211, [Sch. 16 para. 62\(c\)](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with art. 9)
- F4** Words in s. 66(a) inserted (31.3.2009) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 177, 211, [Sch. 16 para. 62\(d\)](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/503, [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 66(b) inserted (31.3.2009) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 177, 211, [Sch. 16 para. 62\(e\)](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/503, [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with art. 4)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 66 extended (22.5.2000) by S.I. 2000/1119, regs. 1, 37(3), **Sch. 4 para. 7(2)**
- C2** Ss. 64-67 applied (with modifications) (23.12.2011) by The Legal Services Act 2007 (Designation as a Licensing Authority) (No. 2) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2866), art. 1(2), Sch. 1 paras. 1, 3, **5**

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