NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Regulations 1981, No. 10*

Rules of Court under the Supreme Court Act

We, the undersigned Judges, hereby make the following Rules of Court under the Supreme Court Act.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1981.

W.E.S. Forster C.J. J.H. Muirhead J. J. Toohey J.

Judges of the Supreme Court

AMENDMENTS OF THE LOCAL COURT RULES

1. COMMENCEMENT

These Rules shall come into operation on the date of commencement of the Local Courts Act (No. 2) 1979.

2. SECOND SCHEDULE

The Local Court Rules are amended by omitting the Second Schedule and substituting the following:

^{*} Notified in the Northern Territory Government Gazette on 23 JUL 1981

"SECOND SCHEDULE

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Α.	Where the subject-matter does not exceed	2,000
1.	Summons except interlocutory summons	50
2.	Appearance other than appearance stating grounds of defence	10
3.	Appearance stating grounds of defence	40
4.	Affidavit of good defence where no grounds of defence previously stated	40
5.	Each attendance in Court or in chambers, or before a Judge, Magistrate, Justice or Commissioner upon an application or for examination -	
	Per hour or part of an hour	20
6.	Getting up case for trial	100
7.	Counsel's fee - on brief including the first 5 hours in court	200
	Subsequent hour or part of an hour in court	40
	Where counsel's fee is allowed, an amount shall not be allowed under item 5 in respect of attendance in Court at the trial of the action	
8.	Interrogatories and perusing answers	15
9.	Answers to interrogatories	15
Ο.	Request to admit or admissions pursuant to request	15
1.	Request for discovery	15
2.	List of documents on discovery	15
3.	Unsatisfied judgment summons	15
4.	Application for warrant	15
5.	Application for order for attachment of debts,	15

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Α.	Where the subject-matter does not exceed	• • • • •	2,000	
16.	Replevin bond		15	
17.	Notice under Part X or filing affidavit und	er Part X	15	
18.	Taxing costs		15	
19.	Obtaining or registering a certificate of judgment or preparing an order for commission for signature		. 10	
of of	These allowances include in each case, where or operate, the instructions for and preparate documents to lead to issue, attendances to is and serve and copies for counsel to settle brief.	ion ssue,		
		\$	\$	
В.	Where the subject-matter exceeds but does not exceed	2,000 5,000	5,000	
	<u>Documents</u>			
1.	Summons except interlocutory summons	135	150	
2.	Appearance other than appearance stating grounds of defence	10	10	
3.	Appearance stating grounds of defence	100	140	
4.	Affidavit of good defence where no grounds of defence previously stated	100	140	
5.	Defence to counter-claim	25	30	
6.	Reply when, in opinion of the Taxing Officer, it was necessary to file one	15	20	
7.	Summons to witness	10	15	
8.	Interpleader summons	20	25	
9.	Third party notice	25	30	

	\$	\$
B. Where the subject-matter exceeds but does not exceed	2,000 5,000	5,000
10. Contribution notice	20	25
11. Interrogatories and perusing answers	45	65
12. Answers to interrogatories	45	65
13. Notice to admit or admissions pursuant to notice	20	25
14. Request for discovery	15	20
15. List of documents on discovery	25	30
16. Notice to produce	15	20
17. Notice of admission of liability or payment into Court	15	20
18. Request for judgment	15	20
19. Notice to found action	15	20
20. Notice by claimant to bailiff under Part X	15	20
These allowances include in each case, whappropriate, the instructions for and preparate of documents to lead to issue, attendances to issue, file and serve and copies for counsel to settle and for brief.		
<u>Attendances</u>		
21. To sign judgment in default	10	15
22. In Court where, in the opinion of the Taxing Officer, the attendance of a solicitor as well as counsel is justified -		
Per hour or part of hour	20	25
23. To accept service of summons and undertake to appear	5	10
24. On counsel on conference	25	30
25. To obtain certificate of judgment or order under section 156	10	15

		\$	\$
В.	Where the subject-matter exceeds but does not exceed	2,000 5,000	5,000
26.	To register certificate of judgment or order under section 157	10	15
27.	To produce or inspect documents of which discovery has been given or with respect to which a notice to admit has been given		40
28.	Arranging attendances of witness at Court without summons	7	10
29.	To issue unsatisfied judgment summons including, where necessary, affidavit to lead to issue and attending hearing	20	25
30.	To issue a warrant for sale of land		
31.	under section 138	30 20	35 25
32.	To tax costs	20	25
33.	To review taxation of costs	20	25
	These fees include, where necessary, the paration of documents to lead to issue of appropriate documents from the Court.		
	Instructions		
34.	For counsel to advise on evidence or furnish an opinion including necessary documents and attendance on counsel	25	30
35.	For brief including all attendances on and correspondence with the party and his witnesses and attendances on and correspondence with another party or his solicitor not otherwise charged and including all necessary perusals and wor in connection with the preparation for hearing (whether or not a formal brief is actually delivered):		

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В.	Where the subject-matter exceeds but does not exceed	2,000 5,000	5,000
***************************************	Such sum as the Taxing Officer thinks		
	proper but not exceeding	300	450
	Provided that in exceptional cases the Taxing Officer may allow an amount not exceeding	500	600
	<u>Counsel Fees</u>		
36.	To settle summons, appearance, defence, counter-claim, reply, third party notice, interrogatories or answers to interrogatories when, in the opinion of the Taxing Officer, such		
	settling was reasonably necessary	30	40
37.	On conference	30	40
38.	To advise on evidence	30	40
39.	On opinion as to compromise requiring approval of Court:		
	Such sum as the Taxing Officer thinks proper but not exceeding	70	100
40.	On brief including the first 5 hours in court	275	350
	Subsequent hour or part of an hour in court	40	50
41.	On brief when it was proper to deliver brief but action settled before hearing called on in Court for consent judgment (this fee to include advice as to settlement).	150	200
40	To hear judgment if further argument re-		
42.	quired on a matter other than costs	30	40

Disbursements

Such out-of-pocket expenses as are not otherwise provided for in the Act or Rules properly incurred, as the Judge, Magistrate or Taxing Officer shall allow.

- For service of a document a practitioner shall be entitled to the same fee as that allowed to a bailiff.
- As between party and party, the amount recoverable or the value of the property in litigation shall regulate the scale of the plaintiff's costs, and the amount claimed or the value of the property in litigation shall regulate the scale of the defendant's costs.
- As between solicitor and client, the amount claimed or the value of the property in litigation shall regulate the scale without reference to the result.

3. APPLICATION

The Local Court Rules as amended by these Rules apply in relation to causes, matters or proceedings commenced or instituted on or after the date of commencement of these Rules and, notwithstanding an amendment effected by these Rules, the Local Court Rules, as in force immediately before that date, continue to apply in respect of causes, matters or proceedings commenced or instituted before that date as though these Rules (other than this rule) had not come into operation.