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# **THE CROWN SOLICITORS REGULATIONS 1985**

# DAVID BEATTIE, Governor-General

# ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 14th day of October 1985

### Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 113 (1) (j) of the Public Finance Act 1977, His Excellency the Governor General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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### REGULATIONS

### PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Crown Solicitors Regulations 1985.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

**2. Application of regulations**—These regulations shall apply to all work done by Crown Solicitors on and after the 1st day of April 1985.

**3.** Interpretation—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- "Civil matter" includes any appeal from any Committee, Board, Authority, or other administrative tribunal; but does not include any land compensation matter or domestic proceedings to which regulation 36 or regulation 37 of these regulations applies:
- "Crown Solicitor" means a solicitor holding a warrant of appointment as such from the Governor General:
- "Registrar" means a Registrar of the High Court; and includes a Deputy Registrar.

(2) The Solicitor-General may from time to time delegate to any officer of the Crown Law Office all or any of the powers exercisable by him under these regulations.

(3) These regulations prescribe the fees to be paid to Crown Solicitors for conducting the legal business of the Crown, and regulate the terms and conditions of their employment. They do not relate to the legal business of the Public Trustee, the Maori Trustee, the Government Life Insurance Corporation, the Housing Corporation, the Rural Banking and Finance Corporation, or the State Insurance Office, except where any such Department, Office, or Corporation is acting as agent for a Government Department.

#### PART II—EMPLOYMENT OF CROWN SOLICITORS

4. Obligation not to appear against Crown—No Crown Solicitor or any member or employee of the Crown Solicitor's firm shall accept employment, other than from the Crown, in any matter in which the Crown is directly concerned, or appear against the Crown: Provided that the Solicitor-General may exempt a Crown Solicitor or Crown Solicitors from compliance with this regulation in a particular case or a class of cases generally.

5. Right to take matter or business out of hands of Crown Solicitor— The Crown may take any matter or business out of the hands of any Crown Solicitor, and may require that all deeds, instruments, and papers in that Crown Solicitor's hands relating thereto shall be handed over to some other solicitor to be nominated by the Crown, or as the Crown shall direct.

**6.** No lien against Crown—No Crown Solicitor shall, as against the Crown in respect of any legal business performed by that Crown Solicitor for the Crown, have any lien upon any document, deed, or instrument of title, or upon any papers whatsoever, being the property of the Crown, or any right to retain any fund or money in the Crown Solicitor's hands belonging to the Crown in satisfaction of or by way of security for the payment of any claim for fees that the Crown Solicitor may have against the Crown.

PART III—GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO FEES

**7. Basis for claiming fees**—Fees claimed by a Crown Solicitor from the Crown shall not be assessed on the ordinary solicitor and client basis, but shall be claimed in accordance with regulation 11 of these regulations without further charge for receiving instructions, attendances, correspondence, or reports.

**8. Special cases**—In any special case where the Solicitor-General is satisfied that the fee payable under these regulations is inadequate or excessive having regard to exceptional circumstances, the Solicitor-General may authorise such fee as the Solicitor-General considers fair and reasonable.

9. Right of Crown to require taxation—Nothing in these regulations shall preclude the Crown from submitting costs for taxation in the usual way.

10. Costs recovered by Crown Solicitor—Where a Crown Solicitor has recovered and received costs in any transaction or proceeding on behalf of the Crown, the Crown Solicitor shall pay the same into his or hers, or his or her firm's, trust account and forward his or hers, or his or her firm's, cheque, together with a description of the matter to which the cheque relates, to the Department from which the Crown Solicitor received his instructions.

### PART IV—CERTIFICATION OF FEES

11. Certification of fees—(1) A Crown Solicitor having a claim against the Crown for costs under these regulations shall, on the completion of the matter or business to which the claim relates, set out full particulars thereof in a voucher to be prepared and signed by the Crown Solicitor; and, if the claim is in respect of proceedings in the High Court, shall forward the voucher to the Registrar of the Registry in which the proceedings were had, and in any other case shall forward it to a Registrar.

(2) Subject to subclause (5) of this regulation, the Registrar shall certify that the fees claimed are payable in accordance with these regulations, in the following circumstances:

- (a) The Registrar is satisfied that the fees claimed are correct in accordance with any scale prescribed by these regulations:
- (b) The appropriate scale prescribed by these regulations requires the fees to be fixed by reference to a maximum, and the fee claimed does not exceed that maximum and is, in the Registrar's opinion, fair and reasonable:
- (c) There being no appropriate scale prescribed by these regulations, the fee claimed is, in the Registrar's opinion, fair and reasonable and does not exceed \$52.25 per hour for the time actually involved:
- (d) In respect of appearances in the High Court, the Registrar is also satisfied that the appearances of which particulars are given were duly made.

(3) If, in the opinion of the Registrar, the nature of the service actually performed in any case does not justify the payment of the full fees prescribed by these regulations, or the work occasioned in any transaction or proceeding is reduced by the fact that the transaction or proceeding is one of a number or series of transactions or proceedings that are similar or that arise out of the same set of circumstances, the Registrar shall approve such lesser fee as the Registrar considers fair and reasonable and shall so certify on the voucher.

(4) In respect of criminal cases in the High Court or Court of Appeal, the Registrar shall forward the voucher so certified to the Crown Law Office for payment, and in all other cases the Registrar shall return the voucher so certified to the Crown Solicitor for submission to the appropriate Government Department whose Permanent Head or other authorised certifying officer, if satisfied that the services charged for have been duly performed, shall so certify and arrange payment.

(5) If either-

- (a) The fee claimed exceeds the amount that, in the opinion of the Registrar, could properly be claimed under subclause (2) of this regulation, and is claimed by reason of special circumstances; or
- (b) The Registrar is in doubt as to whether the fee is a proper fee for him or her to certify—

the Registrar shall refer the voucher with a memorandum setting forth his or her reasons to the Solicitor General to determine the amount payable pursuant to regulation 8 of these regulations.

#### PART V—BUSINESS AT A DISTANCE AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES

12. Employment of agents—Where it is necessary for a Crown Solicitor to transact Crown business at a distance from his or her usual place of business—

- (a) The Crown Solicitor shall employ an agent unless, from the nature of the case or for special reasons, it is necessary that the Crown Solicitor himself or herself should transact the business:
- (b) Except for special reasons and with the approval of the Solicitor-General, or in pursuance of any existing departmental arrangement, the Crown Solicitor shall employ as agent in any town in which a Crown Solicitor has been appointed only that Crown Solicitor.

13. Fee for instructing agent—Where a Crown Solicitor employs an agent, a fee not exceeding \$46.00 will be allowed for preparing instructions.

14. Travelling expenses—The following travelling expenses will be allowed to a Crown Solicitor required to travel on Crown business more than 5 kilometres from his or her usual place of business:

- (a) Fares paid for public transport, subject to the production of receipts for fares exceeding \$12.25, and not fixed by law or readily ascertainable:
- (b) Car allowance, where a private car is used, at the rate from time to time prescribed by the State Services Commission as payable to employees of the Public Service:
- (c) Subsistence expenses reasonably incurred by the Crown Solicitor during the period of absence from his or her residence, subject to the production of a receipt for any item in excess of \$12.25 plus an incidentals allowance for each day or part of a day, at the rate prescribed by the State Services Commission as payable to employees of the Public Service:
- (d) The cost paid for hiring a rental car if that cost together with subsistence expenses under this regulation and the special allowance provided for in regulation 15 of these regulations does not exceed the total of the fares, subsistence expenses, and special allowance that would have been payable if public transport had been used.

15. Special allowance for travelling time—A special allowance at the rate of \$39.00 for each hour occupied on any day in travelling on Crown business will be allowed to a Crown Solicitor in addition to the travelling expenses provided in regulation 14 of these regulations:

Provided that such special allowance shall not be payable in addition to any other payment for preparation or otherwise in respect of the same time, and provided further that such special allowance shall not be payable for the hours between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. the following day when the Crown Solicitor is travelling overnight by train or ship.

## PART VI-CRIMINAL AND QUASI-CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

**16. Trials of indictable offences**—In proceedings on trials of indictable offences the following scale shall apply:

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(a) Preparing for trial with all matters (other than interlocutory	
matters) incidental thereto;	
(i) Indictments for murder for each hour	52.25
(ii) Other cases for each hour	52.25
with a maximum of	313.00
(b) Appearance;	
(i) Prosecution of indictments, for each half day or	
part of a half day	196.00
(ii) On arraignment, where for any reason the trial	
does not proceed further	52.25
(c) All work and attendances in respect of stay of	
proceedings	58.50
(d) Preparation in respect of interlocutory matters argued	
before trial, for each hour	52.25
(e) Appearance in respect of interlocutory matters argued	
before trial, for each hour	58.50
(f) Instructing counsel from outside the Crown Solicitor's own	
office to appear on any prosecution or appeal	
including preparation and presentation of	
indictment	80.25

17. Appearance upon sentencing—(1) For appearance upon sentencing of prisoners, the fee shall be \$52.25 in respect of each indictment, or as the result of one preliminary hearing or committal for sentence, irrespective of the number of prisoners or charges.

(2) No fee shall be payable in respect of appearance upon the sentencing of a prisoner where the sentence is pronounced on the same day as the verdict, unless that appearance alone necessitates a separate attendance of the Crown Solicitor.

18. Criminal appeals—In appeals under the Crimes Act 1961, the following scale shall apply:

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(a) For preparation and appearance on application to a Judge	
for a certificate that the case is a fit case for appeal	
(but excluding cases arising under rule 9 of the	
Criminal Appeal Rules 1946*)	52.25
(b) For preparation on appeal against conviction or sentence	
or both, or against any interlocutory order or on any	
other matter not otherwise provided for; for each	
hour	52.25
(c) For appearance on appeal against conviction or sentence	02.20
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or both, or reference of an application for the exercise	
of the mercy of the Crown; for each half day or part	
of a half day	196.00
(d) For appearance on appeal against any interlocutory order;	
for each half day or part of a half day	196.00
(e) For appearance on any matter not otherwise provided for	
ather the making of futures for each half day	
other than the making of fixtures; for each half day	100.00
or part of a half day	196.00

Provided that, with reference to paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this regulation, if more than one case is heard on any half day not more than one fee shall be charged for the hearings, such fee to be apportioned between the different cases.

19. Summary prosecutions—For conducting prosecutions in cases that are tried summarily before a District Court Judge or Justices the following scale shall apply: \$

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(a) For receiving instructions, drawing and filing of	
information; for each case where there is one	
information, irrespective of the number of charges or	
persons charged	46.00
On each additional information arising out of the same	
or similar circumstances	23.00
and	
(b) For appearance on a plea of guilty or where the	
(b) For appearance on a plea of guilty or where the information is withdrawn or where only formal proof	
is required;	
On the first information	23.00
On each additional information arising out of the same	
or similar circumstances	18.25
or	

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(c) On	a plea of guilty, or where the info or where upon a non-appeara	ince of t	the defend	dant	
	evidence has to be given follo for each hour's preparation	wing tui	i prepara	lion,	46.00
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	For appearance in each case information irrespective of the	where			
	persons charged				23.00
	On each additional information	arising o	ut of the s	ame	
	or similar circumstances or				18.25
(d) On	a plea of not guilty, for each h	our's pro	eparation		46.00
			-		138.00
	For appearance conducting pro day or part of a half day irres	secution; pective o	; for each of the num	half 1ber	
	of charges or persons charged	·			150.00
	Provided that, if more than on not more than one fee shall b	one case			

**20. Minor offences procedure**—Notwithstanding anything in regulation 19 of these regulations, where a Crown Solicitor is instructed in a prosecution to which section 20A or section 21 of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957 applies, the following scale shall apply:

fee to be apportioned between the difference cases.

- (a) For receiving instructions, drawing and filing notice of prosecution, and all matters incidental thereto; for each case where there is one notice of prosecution 0n each additional notice of prosecution arising out of the same or similar circumstances ... 23.00
- (b) If a summons issues pursuant to subsection (8) of the said section 20A, or if a notice of time and place of hearing issues pursuant to the said section 21, then subclauses (b) to (d) of regulation 19 of these regulations shall apply as if the prosecution were one commenced by information.

21. Criminal matters before District Court Judges—The fees that may be allowed under regulation 19 of these regulations shall, as far as applicable, be paid in respect of complaints and criminal or quasi-criminal matters of any other kind that may be heard and disposed of before a District Court Judge or a Justice or Justices.

22. Fee where costs allowed to Crown—Where costs in excess of the fee assessed under any of regulations 19 to 21 of these regulations have been awarded to the Crown, such costs shall be allowed instead of the assessed fee.

23. Preliminary hearing of indictable offences—A Crown Solicitor conducting the preliminary investigation of an indictable offence shall be allowed the same fee for preparation and appearance as if the preliminary hearing were a trial before the High Court, and the scale prescribed by regulation 16 of these regulations shall apply accordingly and shall cover

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all proceedings up to the committal for trial or the discharge of the accused, including a general supervision over all matters necessary to make the case complete.

24. Before Coroners—For an inquest before a Coroner, a fee not exceeding \$46.00 per hour shall be allowed for preparation with a maximum of \$138.00, and for appearance \$150.00 for each half day or part of a half day. Where the inquest is on 2 or more bodies, only one fee for preparation and one fee for appearance shall be paid.

25. Appeals and other proceedings under or relating to the Summary Proceedings Act 1957—(1) In proceedings in the High Court under or relating to the Summary Proceedings Act 1957, whether by way of appeal against conviction or order, motion for review, certiorari, mandamus, prohibition, or otherwise (except appeals against sentence only), the fee allowed for preparation shall be \$52.25 per hour with a maximum of \$261.00, and for appearance \$150.00 for each half day of the hearing:

Provided that, if more than one appeal is heard in any half day and the same counsel appears for the Crown on each appeal, not more than one fee shall be charged for the hearings (such fee to be apportioned between the different appeals).

(2) In proceedings in the Court of Appeal under or relating to the Summary Proceedings Act 1957, the same provisions shall apply except that the fee allowed for each half day of the hearing shall be \$196.00.

**26. Appeals against sentence**—On an appeal against sentence only before the High Court, the fee for preparation and appearance shall be such amount, not exceeding that provided by the following scale, as may be certified by the Registrar as fair and reasonable:

(a) Where the appeal is brought by the person convicted	80.25		
(b) Where the appeal is brought by the Solicitor-General			
pursuant to section 115A of the Summary Proceedings			
Act 1957	160.50		
Provided that, in either case, if more than one appearance is necessary,			
a further fee of \$46.00 shall be allowed for each additional appe	arance.		

27. Fee where costs allowed to Crown—Where costs in excess of the fee assessed under regulation 25 or regulation 26 of these regulations have been awarded to the Crown, such costs shall be allowed instead of the assessed fee.

**28. Bankruptcy**—For all attendances and preparation in bankruptcy matters a fee not exceeding \$52.25 per hour shall be allowed with a maximum of \$261.00, and for appearance \$150.00 per half day or part of a half day:

Provided that, in any case where a Crown Solicitor's costs are taxed and allowed out of the bankrupt's estate, the fee shall be such sum as is allowed the Crown Solicitor on the taxation.

29. Second counsel in criminal matters—In trials and appeals on a charge of murder in which second counsel is engaged, and in preliminary investigations of such charges where the Solicitor-General has authorised the engagement of second counsel, and in any other trials or criminal

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proceedings on appeal in which the Solicitor-General has authorised the employment of second counsel, the fee payable to second counsel from the Crown Solicitor's own office for preparing and hearing shall be at the rate of half the fee prescribed for the Crown Solicitor.

### PART VII—CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

**30. Fees in Court of Appeal and High Court**—(1) In the Court of Appeal and the High Court—

- (a) The fee to be allowed in any civil matter heard in the Court of Appeal, whether the Crown is successful or not, shall be the scale party and party costs on the amount of the judgment appealed from:
- (b) The fee to be allowed in any civil matter heard in the High Court (other than an appeal from a District Court), whether the Crown is successful or not, shall be the scale party and party costs on the amount claimed:
- (c) The fee to be allowed in any civil matter heard in the Court of Appeal or the High Court if no money is claimed shall be such amount as the Court shall have awarded as costs to the successful party.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) of this regulation, if a fee calculated in accordance with this subclause would be greater than the fee calculated in accordance with that subclause, then the fee payable shall be the fee calculated in accordance with this subclause:

(a) Preparing for trial or hearing		
For each hour		 52.25
with a maximum of		 521.75
(b) Appearance at trial or hearing		
For each half day or part of a half of	day	 195.25

- (d) Appearance in respect of interlocutory matters argued before trial or hearing for each hour
- (3) Notwithstanding anything in subclauses (1) and (2) of this regulation,—
- (a) If the claim is for an unduly excessive amount or if the fee calculated in accordance with subclauses (1) and (2) of this regulation is inadequate or excessive having regard to the purpose of the proceedings, the fee shall be fixed by the Solicitor General having regard to all the circumstances:
- (b) Where costs in excess of the fee assessed under the foregoing provisions of this regulation have been awarded to the Crown, such costs may be allowed instead of the assessed fee.

(4) The fee to be allowed in any civil matter that is settled between the parties before trial shall be either—

- (a) Half of such amount as would have been awarded by the Court as party and party costs in accordance with the appropriate Court scale on the amount of the claim if the matter had gone to trial and had occupied one full day; or
- (b) A fee calculated in accordance with paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of subclause (2) of this regulation,—

whichever is the greater:

Provided that, in any case where the amount of the plaintiff's claim exceeds \$92,100 and a fee in excess of one-half of the said party and party costs on a claim for \$92,100 is sought, the fee to be allowed shall be fixed by the Solicitor-General having regard to all the circumstances.

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(5) The fee to be allowed in any civil matter that is settled during or after trial shall be fixed by the Solicitor-General having regard to all the circumstances.

**31. Appeals from District Court to High Court**—On an appeal in any civil matter to the High Court from a decision in a District Court, the following scale shall apply:

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(a) For each hour's preparation			52.25
with a maximum of			261.00
(b) For appearance on appeal for each half day	y or pa	rt of a	
half day			150.00

**32. Worker's compensation matters**—(1) The fee to be allowed in any matter heard in the Compensation Court, whether the Crown is successful or not, shall be \$46.00 for each hour of preparation with a maximum of \$230.00, and \$150.00 for each half day of the hearing.

(2) Where costs in excess of the fee assessed under the foregoing provisions of this regulation have been awarded to the Crown, such costs may be allowed instead of the assessed fee.

(3) The fee to be allowed in any matter relating to worker's compensation that is settled between the parties shall be \$150.00

**33.** In a District Court—(1) The fee to be allowed in any civil matter heard in a District Court, whether the Crown is successful or not, shall be the scale party and party costs on the amount claimed, or, if no money is claimed, such amount as the Court awards as costs to the successful party:

Provided that, where the Crown is a party to several cases heard at the same sitting of a District Court, such sum shall be allowed in each case as may be fixed by a Registrar.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) of this regulation, if a fee calculated in accordance with this subclause would be greater than the fee calculated in accordance with that subclause, then the fee payable shall be the fee calculated in accordance with this subclause:

(a) Pr	eparing for trial					\$
	For each hour					46.00
	with a maximum of					345.25
(b) A	ppearance at trial					
	For each half day or	part of	f a half da	цу		150.00
(c) <b>Pr</b>	eparation in respect of	of interl	locutory 1	natters a	argued	
	before trial				0	
	For each hour					46.00
(d) A	ppearance in respect of	of inter	locutory 1	matters a	argued	
	before trial				0	
	For each hour					46.00
	Provided that whe	n the Ci	rown Solic	itor is ins	structed t	o appear
	on a Judgment Sun	nmons	only, the	fee shall	be calcu	
	accordance with sub	clause (	1) of this 1	regulation	n.	
(3) T	he fee to be allowed in	any civ	vil matter	that is se	ttled bety	ween the
	shall be either—	-				
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(a) Half of such amount as would have been awarded by the Court as party and party costs in accordance with the appropriate Court scale on the amount of the claim if the matter had gone to trial and had occupied one full day; or (b) A fee calculated in accordance with paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of subclause (2) of this regulation,—

whichever is the greater.

**34. In Maori Land Court and Maori Appellate Court**—(1) The fees payable in respect of matters in the Maori Land Court shall be the same as the fees prescribed under regulation 33 of these regulations for civil matters in a District Court.

(2) The fees payable in respect of matters in the Maori Appellate Court shall be the same as the fees prescribed under regulation 32 of these regulations for a matter in the Compensation Court.

**35. Revenue cases stated**—The fees payable in respect of revenue cases stated shall be in accordance with the following scale:

- (a) In cases heard in the High Court or in the Court of Appeal, the fees prescribed under regulation 30 of these regulations shall apply:
- (b) In cases heard by the Taxation Review Authority, there shall be paid a fee of \$52.25 per hour for preparation with a maximum of \$261.00, and a fee of \$150.00 for each half day or part of a half day for appearance.

**36. Land compensation matters**—The fee payable in respect of any compensation matter under the Public Works Act 1981, whether before a Land Valuation Committee, the Administrative Division of the High Court, or the Court of Appeal, shall be fixed by the Solicitor General having regard to all the circumstances.

**37. Family proceedings**—The fees payable for representing a Maintenance Officer or a Social Worker in matters under the Family Proceedings Act 1980, or a Social Worker under the Children and Young Persons Act 1974, shall be as follows:

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(a) In a District Court or a Family Court—		
(i) For receiving instructions and preparing	all	
necessary documents		46.00
(ii) For each hour's preparation		46.00
with a maximum of		138.00
(iii) For appearance conducting case;		
For each half day or part of a half day		150.00
(b) In the High Court and Court of Appeal, the same as	the	
fees prescribed under regulation 25 of th	nese	
regulations.		

**38.** Miscellaneous administrative tribunals—For all preparation and attendances in connection with any matter before any administrative tribunal (other than a Land Valuation Committee), or any Commission or Committee of Inquiry, there shall be paid a fee of \$52.25 per hour with a maximum of \$261.00. For all appearances before any such tribunal or Commission or Committee there shall be paid a fee of \$150.00 for each half day or part of a half day.

**39.** Counsel assisting—Where, at the request of a Court or an administrative tribunal, and with the prior approval of the Solicitor-General, a Crown Solicitor appears in any matter, or action, or in any proceedings

on any appeal, and argues any question of law or of fact arising in the matter, action, or proceedings, and where the Court makes no order as to the payment of the Crown Solicitor's costs pursuant to section 99A of the Judicature Act 1908, the fees payable shall be \$52.25 for each hour of preparation with a maximum of \$261.00, and \$150.00 for each half day or part of a half day of the hearing.

## PART VIII—CONVEYANCING

**40.** Instruments affecting interest of Crown in land or property— The fee to be allowed in respect of any instrument or dealing affecting any estate or interest of the Crown, or any person or body on behalf of the Crown, in land or property, whether payable by the Crown or by any other party, shall be a fair and reasonable fee calculated in accordance with the Principles of Charging set out in Part Two of the Costing and Conveyancing Practice Manual of the New Zealand Law Society, as approved by the Council of that Society on the 22nd day of June 1984.

**41. Conveyancing fees inclusive of all charges**—The fees prescribed in this Part of these regulations are inclusive of all charges for attendances, correspondence, reports, searches, and investigation of title, but are exclusive of disbursements that comprise out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred by the Crown Solicitor.

**42.** Duty of Crown Solicitor where costs not payable by Crown— Where, by the ordinary course of practice, the costs of preparing and completing any instrument or a counterpart thereof ought to be borne by one of the parties thereto, other than the Crown, the Crown Solicitor shall arrange that the costs properly chargeable to that party are recovered.

**43. Certificate by Crown Solicitor**—(1) Where it is necessary that any instrument should be executed on behalf of the Crown, the Crown Solicitor, in submitting it for execution, shall certify that he or she has perused or prepared the instrument and that in his or her opinion it is a proper instrument to be executed by or on behalf of the Crown.

(2) On the completion of any transaction affecting any estate or interest of the Crown or any person or body on behalf of the Crown in land, the Crown Solicitor shall deliver with the documents of title a certificate setting out the nature of the transaction and his or her opinion that it has been duly and properly completed.

44. Revocation and savings—(1) The Crown Solicitors Regulations 1982\* are hereby revoked.

(2) The Crown Solicitors Regulations 1977 shall, notwithstanding their revocation by the Crown Solicitors Regulations 1980, continue to apply to work done on or after the 16th day of August 1977 but before the 1st day of April 1980.

(3) The Crown Solicitors Regulations 1980 shall, notwithstanding their revocation by the Crown Solicitors Regulations 1981, continue to apply to work done on or after the 1st day of April 1980, but before the 1st day of April 1981.

(4) The Crown Solicitors Regulations 1981 shall, notwithstanding their revocation by the Crown Solicitors Regulations 1982, continue to apply to work done on or after the 1st day of April 1981, but before the 1st day of April 1982.

(5) The Crown Solicitors Regulations 1982 shall, notwithstanding their revocation by subclause (1) of this regulation, continue to apply to work done on or after the 1st day of April 1982, but before the 1st day of April 1985.

## P. G. MILLEN, Clerk of the Executive Council.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations relate to the employment of Crown Solicitors (not being members of the Public Service) for conducting the legal business of the Crown. They regulate the terms of the employment of Crown Solicitors, and prescribe the fees to be paid to them. They are in substitution for the Crown Solicitors Regulations 1982, which are revoked.

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