

These estimates are made on the information available to us at this time. They may, and probably will, change when more information is available to us. The major factors which will affect the estimates are:

Unforeseen circumstances

5. Your right to a bill of costs

You are entitled to receive a bill of costs from us. If we send you a lump sum bill you may request an itemised bill within 30 days of receipt of the lump sum bill.

6. Billing arrangements

6.1 We will send you a bill of costs/tax invoice for our charges and expenses as follows:

6.1.1 regular interim bills while the legal services are in progress;

6.1.2 when the legal services are nearing completion; and/or

6.1.3 a final bill will be rendered after completion.

We will ask you to pay to us in advance an amount to enable payment of expenses and our charges (which will be held in our Trust Account), or to provide security for them. In that case, we will assume, upon receipt of your payment, your authority to draw on the money paid for our charges and expenses, as they become due.

6.2 We will also assume your authority is given for any judgment or settlement moneys to be paid directly to our trust account and to pay ourselves from this money immediately after sending you our bill of costs.

7. Interest on unpaid costs

If our costs are not paid within 30 days of receipt by you of our bill of costs, we may charge you interest on the unpaid amount at the rate prescribed in Schedule 5 of the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules in respect of unpaid judgments, which is subject to change. The current rate is 9.00% per annum.

8. Dispute as to legal costs

The Act gives you the right to: apply to the Supreme Court to have the bill of costs assessed for its fairness and reasonableness by a Costs Assessor; or to have the costs mediated if the dispute is less than \$10,000.00 (referral for mediation must be made before an application for assessment is accepted by the Manager, Costs Assessment); or a costs agreement set aside by the Costs Assessor on the basis that it is not fair, just or reasonable. Applications for assessment should be made before the expiry of 60 days after receipt of the bill of costs, or request for payment of costs made by us, or full payment made to us, whichever is the earliest.