1969. No. 187 **[NC]**

SUPREME COURT, NORTHERN IRELAND

PROCEDURE

The Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 3) 1969

We, the Northern Ireland Supreme Court Rules Committee, being the authority having for the time being power under section 7 of the Northern Ireland Act 1962(a) to make, amend or revoke rules regulating the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland hereby, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, so far as is required by subsection (4) of that section, exercise those powers and all other powers enabling us in that behalf as follows:—

1. Order LXV of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 1936(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For rules 20 and 21 there shall be substituted the following rules—

"**20.**—(1) On the taxation of a solicitor's bill to his own client (except a bill to be paid out of the legal aid fund under the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(c)) all costs shall be allowed, except in so far as they are of an unreasonable amount or have been unreasonably incurred.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), all costs incurred with the express or implied approval of the client shall, subject to paragraph (3), be conclusively presumed to have been reasonably incurred and, where the amount thereof has been expressly or impliedly approved by the client, to have been reasonable in amount.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1), any costs which in the circumstances of the case are of an unusual nature and such that they would not be allowed on a party and party taxation shall, unless the solicitor expressly informed his client before they were incurred that they might not be so allowed, be presumed, until the contrary is shown, to have been unreasonably incurred.

21.—(1) Subject to the rules of this Order, the scale of costs contained in Appendix S, Part I, together with the notes and regulations contained in that Part, shall apply to the taxation of all costs incurred in relation to all causes and matters commenced on or after the 1st September 1969.

(2) On a taxation in relation to which rule 20 or rule 61(29A) has effect and in other special cases costs may at the discretion of the Taxing Master be allowed—

(*a*) in relation to items not mentioned in the said Part; or

(*b*) of an amount higher than that prescribed by the said scale.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) costs shall, unless the Court otherwise orders, be allowed in the cases to which Parts II to VI of Appendix S apply in accordance with the provisions of those Parts."

(a) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 30.
(b) S.R. & O. 1936, No. 70 (II, p. 2559).
(c) 1965. c. 8 (N.I.).

(2) Rule 61 shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) paragraphs (1), (12), (14), (21), (28), (37), (44), (47) and (55) shall be deleted; and

(*b*) the following paragraphs shall be inserted in rule 61 in the places appropriate to their numbers:—

"(28) On a taxation between party and party there shall be allowed all such costs as were necessary or proper for the attainment of justice or for enforcing or defending the rights of the party whose costs are being taxed.

(29) On a taxation between solicitor and client where the costs are payable out of a fund in which other parties have an interest, being a taxation on a more generous basis than that provided for by paragraph (28), there shall be allowed a reasonable amount in respect of all costs reasonably incurred, and the provisions of this paragraph shall apply whether or not the costs are in fact to be paid out of such a fund as aforesaid.

(29A) On every taxation of the costs which a person who is or has been a party to any proceedings in the capacity of trustee or personal representative is entitled to be paid out of any fund which he holds in that capacity, no costs shall be disallowed, except in so far as those costs or any part of their amount should not, in accordance with the duty of the trustee or personal representative as such, have been incurred or paid, and should for that reason be borne by him personally."

2. Order LXXXVIII shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) rules 102, 103 and 104 shall be deleted;

(*b*) the following rules shall be inserted in Order LXXXVIII in the places appropriate to their numbers:—

"**102.** Subject to this Order, Order LXV and the scale of costs contained in Appendix S, Part V, together with the notes and regulations contained in that Part, shall apply to the taxation of all costs incurred in relation to proceedings in the Queen's Bench Division (In Bankruptcy) in all matters commenced on or after 1st September 1969.

103. Where the costs of the petitioner, the assignees or trustee are payable out of the estate of the bankrupt, deceased insolvent or arranging debtor, they shall be taxed in accordance with the provisions of Order LXV, rule 61(29).

104. Upon a taxation to which rule 103 applies, costs which are not beneficial to the administration of the estate shall not be allowed.

105.—(1) If it appears to the Registrar that the distribution of any estate is being or may be delayed by the failure of any person to lodge his bill for taxation, he may, on the application of the Official Assignee, trustee or any creditor or without any such application, report such failure to the Taxing Master, who shall make an order for the lodgment of the bill within such time and subject to such conditions as he may think fit.

(2) If such person fails or neglects to comply with any such order, the Taxing Master may certify such failure or neglect and allow such sum as he thinks appropriate for such person's costs, charges or expenses or may assess them at a nominal figure."

3. For Parts I and V of Appendix S of the Rules of the Supreme Court there shall be substituted the Parts set out in Schedules I and II of these rules.

4. Without prejudice to the powers conferred by Order LXXXVIII, rule 105, the costs in any cause or matter commenced on a date before these rules came into force, shall be taxed in accordance with the Rules and scales of costs in force on that date without reference to the amendments made by these rules.

5. These rules may be cited as the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 3) 1969 and shall come into force on 1st September 1969.

Dated 27th June 1969.

Signed *MacDermott*

Robert Lowry

E. W. Jones

A. McGonigal

Donald Murray

Leonard I. G. Fox

James J. Napier

The Ministry of Finance hereby concurs.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 30th day of June 1969, in the presence of

(L.S.) *C. J. Bateman,*
Secretary.

SCHEDULE I Rule 3

Part I to be substituted for Part I of Appendix S of the Rules of the Supreme Court

APPENDIX S

PART I

Costs and Fees in Supreme Court Proceedings

No. of item	Item	Fee £ s. d.
	Writs, Summonses, etc.	
1	Writ of summons, originating motion, originating summons or petition	8 0 0
	Note to item 1: Where the statement of claim is indorsed on the writ such further allowance may be made as the Taxing Master may think just.	
2	Writ of subpoena	1 5 0
3	Writs other than writs of summons and subpoena	4 10 0
4	Concurrent writ of summons, concurrent originating summons or renewal of a writ of summons .	15 0
5	Summons to attend at Judges' Chambers or interlocutory summons	2 10 0
6	Citation, probate or matrimonial	2 5 0
	Notices	
7	Notice of appeal	2 10 0
8	Notice of motion	3 0 0
9	Notice to produce or admit on trial or hearing .	1 10 0
10	Notice to creditors or contributories in proceedings to wind up companies or like notice in any other cause or matter . . . . . each	10 0
11	Any other proper or necessary notice . . from	10 0
	Note to item 11: Where notice of filing affidavits is required only one notice is to be allowed for a set of affidavits filed or which ought to be filed together. Service of a notice of the adjournment or next appointment is not to be allowed.	
	Appearances	
12	Entering	1 10 0
	Where more than one appearance is entered at one time or where the appearance to any writ of summons is in any way limited, or where it is necessary to make search in the Queen's Bench Division (Probate) for appearance when the time limited therefor has expired, such further allowance may be made as the Taxing Master may think just.	
13	Undertaking to appear	1 10 0
	Pleadings	
14	Statement of claim when not endorsed on writ, statement of defence with or without counterclaim or answer to a petition	10 0 0
15	Preliminary act in Admiralty	5 0 0
16	Any other pleading or amendment of pleading .	3 0 0

No. of item	Item	Fee £ s. d.
	Affidavits	
17	Affidavit of service	2 0 0
18	Any other affidavit . . . . . per page	2 10 0
	Note to items 17 and 18: Where an affidavit is annexed to or lodged with a document merely to verify it or to identify the parties to such document the entire is to be considered as one document and no separate allowance shall be made for such affidavit.	
	Interrogatories	
19	Interrogatories or answers thereto . . per page	2 10 0
	Special Case, Case for Motion and Cases for Counsel	
20	Special case	Discretionary
21	Case for motion in probate and matrimonial actions, causes and matters	5 0 0
22	Case for counsel to advise on evidence per page	2 0 0
23	Other cases for counsel . . . per page	2 0 0
	Note to item 23: This item is not to be allowed as between party and party.	
	Briefs	
24	Brief on trial or hearing . . . per page	2 0 0
	Note to item 24: The cost of copying documents which ought to be incorporated in the brief is not included in this item. If the cost of copying any such documents has already been allowed no further allowance is to be made.	
	Certificates	
25	Any proper and necessary certificate . . .	15 0
	Accounts and Advertisements	
26	Accounts, charges, discharges, inventories and statements for Judge's Chambers or Registrar's Office when required or to lodge in Chambers, and reports in Admiralty—	
	In the case of accounts . . . per item	1 0
	In all other cases . . . . per page	3 0 0
27	Advertisements, including attendances to settle and insert	3 0 0
	Judgments, Orders, etc.	
28	Decree absolute, including outlay	7 0 0
29	Assignment of judgment . . . per page	2 10 0
30	Judgment search, including requisition therefor .	1 0 0
31	Registration of a judgment, order, crown bond, lis pendens, recognizances, or to enrol or register any deed	3 10 0
32	Recognizance or undertaking in lieu thereof . .	2 15 0
33	Vacating recognizance, including outlay . .	3 0 0
34	Common bond and warrant	2 0 0

No. of item	Item	Fee
		£ s. d.
35	Satisfaction piece, including affidavit . . .	3 10 0
36	Consent settling any action or proceeding per page	2 10 0
	Other consents	1 5 0
37	Bill of costs for taxation . . . per page	1 5 0
	Note to item 37: On taxations pursuant to Order LXV rule 20 no allowance shall be made under this item.	
38	Transfer of any stock or share through Accountant General's Office	2 0 0
39	Retainer to counsel	10 0
40	Schemes for the administration of charitable trusts, settlements and the like	Discretionary
	Miscellaneous Documents	
41	Any instrument or document for which no fee is provided . . . . . per page	1 0 0 to 3 0 0
	Note to items 1 to 41 inclusive: The foregoing fees, unless otherwise expressly provided, include:— (1) all charges for drawing, engrossing and completing, attendance on the client or other person to sign or execute, and on counsel in connection therewith, and on any officer of the Court to issue, file, lodge, bespeak or settle; and to deliver. (2) the cost of all necessary copies up to four in number but in reckoning such number no account shall be taken of brief copies or copies for the client.	
	Copies (where not included in the foregoing fees)	
42	Carbons or duplicate copies . . . per page	1 6
43	Photostat copies . . . . . per page	1 6
44	All other copies excluding printed copies . . . . . per page	4 0
45	Where any pleading, special case or evidence is required to be printed, the solicitor for the party printing shall be allowed for a copy for the printer to include examining the proof print, inserting amendments or attendances on the printer	Discretionary
46	For printed copies	The amount actually and properly paid to the printer
47	Collating any copy of a scrip exhibit or other instrument with the original or with another copy thereof, including fee for attendance where necessary . . . . . per folio	1 6
	Preparation for Trial, etc.	
48	Instructions for trial or hearing of any cause or matter whatever the mode of trial or hearing	Discretionary

No. of item	Item	Fee £ s. d.
49	Instructions for appeal from an interlocutory or final order or judgment	Discretionary
	Note to items 48 and 49: These items are intended to cover the doing of any work, not otherwise provided for, necessarily or properly done in preparing for a trial, hearing or appeal or before the settlement of the matters in dispute, including:—	
	(*a*) taking instructions to sue, defend, counterclaim or appeal, or for any pleading, particulars of pleading, affidavit, preliminary act or claim in a reference under Order XXXVI rule 60;	
	(*b*) considering the facts and law;	
	(*c*) attending on and corresponding with client;	
	(*d*) interviewing and corresponding with witnesses and potential witnesses and taking proof of their evidence;	
	(*e*) arranging to obtain reports or advice from experts and plans, photographs and models;	
	(*f*) making search in Public Record Office and elsewhere for relevant documents;	
	(*g*) inspecting any property or place material to the proceedings;	
	(*h*) perusing pleadings, affidavits and other relevant documents;	
	(*i*) where the cause or matter does not proceed to trial or hearing, work done in connection with the negotiation of a settlment; and	
	(*j*) the general care and conduct of the proceedings.	
	Attendances	
	(where not included in the foregoing items)	
50	Attending at Court for the purpose of—	
	(*a*) any application relating to or consequent on trial or hearing of a cause or matter;	1 10 0 to 5 0 0
	(*b*) trial or hearing of a cause or matter for each day—	
	(i) on which cause or matter is included in list but on which the trial or hearing is not begun;	1 10 0 to 6 0 0
	(ii) of trial or hearing;	3 0 0 to 15 0 0
	(*c*) hearing deferred judgment.	3 0 0 to 6 0 0
	Note to item 50: Where the Court is not sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast, then, unless it is sitting in the town in which the solicitor practices, the solicitor shall also be allowed travelling and out of pocket expenses reasonably incurred by him, and where the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice the solicitor, if he practices outside of Belfast and his attendance is necessary, shall also be allowed such expenses so incurred.	

No. of item	Item	Fee
		£ s. d.
51	Attending on taxation of a bill of costs and completing taxation; or	3 0 0 to 12 0 0
	if bill of costs does not exceed £20 and is taxed at the same time as some other bill in the same proceeding	2 0 0
52	Attending consultation or conference with counsel, including arranging same—	
	When same does not exceed one hour . .	3 10 0
	Exceeding one hour . . . per hour	2 0 0
	Note to item 52: A consultation on the pleadings or in any interlocutory matter is not to be allowed on a party and party taxation.	
	Accountant General's Office	
53	Attendance on Accountant General in connection with the lodgment of money or drawing of cash or stock, including privity	2 10 0
	Note to item 53: Where there are several transfers or payments under the same judgment or order such additional fee shall be allowed as the Taxing Master shall in his discretion think just.	
54	Investment or carry over to another account .	1 0 0
	Service Fees	
55	Service of any writ, citation, summons, interrogatories, petition, order or notice, on a party who has not entered an appearance not authorised to be served by post or through the Central Office:—	
	in any city or town in Northern Ireland . .	15 0
	elsewhere in Northern Ireland . . .	1 10 0
	if lodged in Central Office	10 0
	Note to item 55: Where in consequence of the distance of the party to be served it is proper to effect such service through an agent, or where more than one attendance is necessary to effect service or to ground an application for substituted service and in other cases within Order LXV rule 50, such further allowance may be made as the Taxing Master may think just.	
56	For service of any summons, interrogatories, order, notice, demand, or other document (not by a writ of summons or citation) on a party who has entered an appearance if not authorised to be served through the Central Office . . .	7 6
57	Service by post or through the Central Office—	
	(*a*) on one person	7 6
	(*b*) or on more than one person of the same document	Discretionary
	Note to items 55, 56, and 57: Where any two or more documents shall be served together one fee only for service is to be allowed.	
58	For service out of the jurisdiction	Discretionary

No. of item	Item	Fee £ s. d.
	Miscellaneous	
59	Any necessary or proper attendance not hereinbefore provided for, not being an attendance on counsel, ... per half hour	1 0 0
60	Letter not included under any other item . .	7 6
	Or if long	10 0
	Or if similar	5 0
	Or if a circular letter not exceeding nine folios	3 0
	Exceeding nine folios .	5 0
61	Letters, messages and telephone calls not provided for or allowed under any other item . . .	Discretionary
62	Perusing any document not provided for or allowed under any other item . . per page	10 0
63	To Commissioner for Oaths for every oath, declaration, affirmation, or attestation upon honour	5 0
64	To Commissioner for marking each exhibit . .	2 0
65	For every recognizance	1 0 0
	Note to item 65: Where there is more than one cognizer the Taxing Master shall allow such further fee as he may think just.	
66	To Commissioner on taking bail whether under a standing or special commission . . .	3 3 0

REGULATIONS

Discretionary costs

1.—(1) Where in the foregoing provisions of this Part there is entered in the third column against any item specified in the second column an upper and a lower sum of money or a sum of money preceded by the word "from", or the word "Discretionary", the amount of costs to be allowed in respect of that item shall (subject to any order of the Court fixing the costs to be allowed) be in the discretion of the Taxing Master, within the limits of sums so entered, if any.

(2) In exercising his discretion under this regulation or under Order LXV rule 21(2) in relation to any item, the Taxing Master shall have regard to all relevant circumstances and in particular to—

(*a*) the complexity of the item or of the cause or matter in which it arises and the difficulty or novelty of the questions involved;

(*b*) the skill, specialised knowledge and responsibility required of, and the time and labour expended by, the solicitor or counsel;

(*c*) the number and importance of the documents (however brief) prepared or perused;

(*d*) the place and circumstances in which the business involved is transacted;

(*e*) the importance of the cause or matter to the client;

(*f*) where money or property is involved, its amount or value;

(*g*) any other fees and allowances payable to the solicitor or counsel in respect of other items in the same cause or matter, but only where work done in relation to those items has reduced the work which would otherwise have been necessary in relation to the item in question.

Fees to counsel

2.—(1) Except in the case of taxations under the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 no fee to counsel shall be allowed unless before the Taxing Master issues his certificate a receipt for the fees signed by counsel is produced to him.

(2) No retaining fee to counsel shall be allowed on any taxation other than a taxation between solicitor and own client under Order LXV rule 20.

(3) No costs shall be allowed in respect of counsel attending before a Registrar in Chambers or of more counsel than one attending before a Judge in Chambers unless the Registrar or Judge, as the case may be, has certified such attendance as being proper in the circumstances of the case.

(4) Where a trial or hearing at which counsel appears lasts more than five hours there may be allowed a refresher fee or fees, the amount of which shall be in the discretion of the Taxing Master.

Attendances in Chambers in Chancery

3.—(1) On a taxation of costs no costs shall be allowed for attending before the Chief Clerk except in so far as the costs (if any) to be allowed have been fixed by the Chief Clerk at the hearing; and in fixing the costs the Chief Clerk shall have regard to the provisions of this Part and to all relevant circumstances in so far as those circumstances affect the hearing but not in so far as they may be taken into account in assessing any costs to be allowed in respect of preparation for the hearing.

(2) Where on any such hearing as aforesaid the Court or Chief Clerk certifies that the speedy and satisfactory disposal of the proceedings required and received from the solicitor engaged in them exceptional skill and labour in the preparation for the hearing, the Taxing Master in taxing the costs to be allowed for instructions in relation to the summons or application shall take the certificate into account.

Uncompleted work

4. Where for any reason all the work contemplated by any of the items of this Part has not been completed an appropriate proportionate allowance shall be made.

Interpretation

5. In this Part "page" means one side of a sheet of paper which appears to contain at least five folios and "folio" comprises 72 words, every figure being counted as one word.

SCHEDULE II Rule 3

Part V to be substituted for Part V of Appendix S of the Rules of the Supreme Court

PART V

Bankruptcy Costs, etc.

No.	Item	Fee £ s. d.
	Preparation of Documents	
1	Debtor's summons, including all affidavits in support thereof and prior demands for payment	10 10 0
2	Petition of bankruptcy or petition for the administration of the estate of a deceased insolvent, including all affidavits in support thereof and, in the case of a petition of bankruptcy, form of order of adjudication and duplicate, and general seizure warrant	10 0 0
3	Petition of arrangement, including all affidavits in support thereof, affidavit required to be filed under the Deeds of Arrangement Amendment Act 1890 and forms of protection order . .	16 0 0
4	Accounting statement, special account, statement of affairs and other accounts and documents of a like nature . . . . . per item	1 0
	Note to item 4:— No allowance shall be made for any item in List G of statement of affairs which is irrecoverable by reason of being statute-barred or illegal provided that where it appears that items have been otherwise improperly inserted in List G, the Taxing Master may, after inquiry, disallow such items.	
5	Application to dismiss debtor's summons or show cause against adjudication, including affidavit of debtor in support	5 5 0
6	Proof of debt when filed	7 0
	Note to item 6:— In compositions after bankruptcy and in arrangements all proofs of debt by creditors entitled to vote which have been prepared by the solicitor and filed by him, whether or not the creditor opposes the debtor's proposal, are to be allowed.	
7	Authority to vote when completed by creditor in favour of the debtor's proposal . . .	2 6
8	Certificate of vesting of estate in assignees or trustee, including filing copy and procuring office copy and attendance to register in the Registry of Deeds (when applicable) . . .	3 10 0
9	Summons to attend at sitting	2 10 0
10	Composition bill or note (besides stamp duty) .	1 6
	Note to items 1 to 10 inclusive:— The foregoing fees, unless otherwise expressly provided, include:— (1) all charges for drawing, engrossing and completing, attendance on the client or other person to sign or execute and on counsel in connection therewith, and on any officer of the Court to issue, file, lodge, bespeak or settle; and to deliver;	

No.	Item	Fee £ s. d.
	(2) the cost of all necessary copies up to four in number but in reckoning such number no account shall be taken of brief copies or copies for the client.	
	Attendances (where not included in foregoing items)	
11	Attending at and conducting preliminary meeting of creditors in arrangements	2 10 0 to 8 0 0
12	Before Registrar on petition or motion and for order	1 10 0 to 15 0 0
13	At sitting or meeting before Registrar—when no business is transacted	1 10 0 to 6 0 0
14	When business is transacted . . . per day	3 0 0 to 15 0 0
15	Search in Bankruptcy Office, including requisition . . . . . per hour	1 0 0
	Note to item 15:— To be allowed only if the written particulars of the search and the stamp duty on the request for the search are produced.	
	Preparation for Statutory Sittings and Meetings	
16	Instructions for statutory sittings and meetings before the Court, and preliminary meetings of creditors in arrangements	Discretionary
	Note to item 16:— (1) This item is intended to cover the doing of any work, not otherwise provided for, necessarily and properly done in preparing for the sitting or meeting including:— (*a*) taking instructions for the petition, statement of affairs or other account or accounting statement when same is allowed under item 4, and summonses; (*b*) considering the facts and law; (*c*) attending on and corresponding with client; (*d*) interviewing and corresponding with witnesses and taking proof of their evidence; (*e*) making any necessary or proper searches; (*f*) perusing affidavits and other relevant documents; (*g*) the general care and conduct of the bankruptcy or arrangement in so far as allowances have not been made under any other item. (2) This item is only to be allowed once in any matter.	

REGULATIONS

1. Except as in this Part provided, all costs properly incurred under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Acts (Northern Ireland) 1857 to 1964 or Order LXXXVIII shall be allowed under Part I of Appendix S.

2. Where in the course of the administration of any estate in the Queen's Bench Division (In Bankruptcy) business is transacted in a court other than that court, the solicitor's remuneration shall be in accordance with the scale in force for the time being in the court in which such business is transacted.

3. Where the proceedings are opposed, and in other proper cases, the costs of the employment of counsel may, at the discretion of the Taxing Master, be allowed.

4. Court fees and other proper disbursements shall be allowed in addition to the remuneration provided in this Part.

5. Where the Court so orders and certifies, an extra allowance for length of sitting or other special reasons may be allowed.

6. In special cases where counsel are not instructed to appear in court and the solicitor acts as advocate, a charge by the solicitor for the preparation of minutes of fact or evidence for his own use may be allowed, and in addition such charge for his attendance as the Taxing Master may think fit, having regard to the nature and importance of the case and the questions involved.

7. All fees, costs and allowances which are discretionary shall, unless otherwise provided, be allowed at the discretion of the Taxing Master in accordance with regulation 1 of the Regulations contained in Part I.

8. A copy of the bankrupt's statement of affairs, accounting statement or special account shall not be allowed in brief or case for counsel but a copy on the printed forms (printed matter not to be charged), or so much thereof as shall be required, may be sent with brief or case. If the solicitor has taken out an office copy the same should be sent to counsel.

9. Where the solicitor for the assignees, or trustee, shall be directed to apply for payment of debts due to the estate, the allowance of fees for correspondence, receipts and attendances, shall be such sum as the Registrar may deem just and reasonable, regard being had to the number of such debtors and the result of the applications in the matter.

10. A consultation or conference with counsel shall not be allowed against the estate without the previous order of the Court.

11. The costs of a case to counsel (except case to advise proofs) shall not be allowed against the estate without the previous order of the Court.

12. Expenses out of the estate shall not be allowed in respect of any person summoned as a witness, but not examined, without an order of the Court, nor shall a professional fee be allowed without such an order.

13. No fee for attendance on the Official Assignee shall be allowed unless the Official Assignee shall signify in writing that he considers the attendance on him proper.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the rules, but it is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These rules make certain changes relating to costs in respect of contentious business and Bankruptcy by amending Orders LXV and LXXXVIII and Appendix S of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The principal changes are—

(*a*) the codification and amendment of the various bases of taxation,

(*b*) a general increase in the amount of the costs which may be allowed under Part I of Appendix S, which relates to contentious business, and under Part V of Appendix S, which relates to Bankruptcy, with an extension of the discretionary powers of the Taxing Master, and

(*c*) the elimination of all but one of the different bases of taxation as between solicitor and client, the one retained being that where costs are payable out of a fund in which the client and others are interested. (Order LXV rule 61(29)).

The amendments made by these rules apply in relation to causes or matters commenced on or after 1st September 1969.