

## SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

SECOND PRACTICE GUIDE TO THE ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**Introduction**

This Practice Guide is issued in keeping with the intention expressed in the Practice Guide to the Assessment of Costs issued on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007 that there be a review, from time to time, of the guideline figures set out in the tables in paragraphs 14 and 15 of that Practice Guide and that such review would be after due consultation with all relevant parties.

The matter of the review of guideline figures arose and a Costs Committee was established and commissioned to consider the matter. The Costs Committee comprised Judges, Registrars of the Supreme Court and representatives from the Law Association. In considering the matter, the Costs Committee had regard to, inter alia, the retail price/consumer price index.

This Practice Guide is issued in keeping with the recommendations made by the Costs Committee on the grades/bands and guideline figures for hourly rates for attorneys at law.

As it relates to the assessment of costs this Practice Guide is intended to only affect the guideline figures for Instructing and Advocate Attorney's hourly rates as well as the hourly rates for Counsel's Refreshers. This Practice Guide is to be read together with the Practice Guide issued on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007 and where there is an inconsistency the later Practice Guide takes precedence.

This Practice Guide takes effect from the date of issue.

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<b>BAND A</b>	Instructing under 5 years call	\$750.00 per hr.
	Advocate under 5 years call	\$900.00 per hr.
<b>BAND B</b>	Instructing over 5 years but under 10 years call	\$1200.00 per hr.
	Advocate over 5 years but under 10 years call	\$1400.00 per hr.
<b>BAND C</b>	Instructing over 10 years but under 20 years call	\$1950.00 per hr.
	Advocate over 10 years but under 20 years call	\$2300.00 per hr.
<b>BAND D</b>	Instructing over 20 years call	\$2600.00 per hr.
	Advocate over 20 years call	\$2850.00 per hr.
<b>BAND E</b>	Senior Counsel/Queen's Counsel	\$4000.00 per hr.

**Guideline figures for Counsel's Refreshers at hourly rates**

<b>Band A</b>	Under 5 years call	\$650.00 per hr.
<b>Band B</b>	Over 5 years but under 10 years call	\$900.00 per hr.
<b>Band C</b>	Over 10 years but under 20 years call	\$1500.00 per hr.
<b>Band D</b>	Over 20 years call	\$1900.00 per hr.
<b>Band E</b>	Senior Counsel/Queen's Counsel	\$2650.00 per hr.

Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015.

Ivor Archie  
Chief Justice