

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 2 OF 2021 Revoking and replacing Practice Direction No. 5 of 2014)

Court Fees Rules (2021 Revision) ("the Rules) Grand Court Rules Order 62 Rule 3(1)

- 1. Where, in accordance with Rule 3(10(b) of the Rules, the Grand Court or the Court of Appeal authorises a bill to be taxed by a person other than the Clerk of the Court, the taxing officer shall be a person appointed as such from among those listed within Schedule 1 to this Practice Direction (as amended from time to time).
- 2. In determining whether to make that authorisation, the Court will consider whether the taxation can thereby be dealt with more expeditiously and effectively taking account of the amount of the bill and the complexity of the taxation.
- 3. The Court having made a direction in accordance with Rule 3(10)(b), the allocation to a particular taxing officer will be made by the Clerk of Court who will also take into account the likely complexity of the taxation and any potential for a conflict of interest between any of the taxing officers and any of the parties involved in the taxation.
- 4. Where the Court has made a direction in accordance with Rule 3(10)(b) any of the parties to the taxation may, at any time up to 7 days after the lodging of the bill for taxation, make representations to the Clerk of the Court regarding any potential conflict of interests with any of the taxing officers listed in Schedule 1.
- 5. The Clerk of Court will allocate a taxation to a taxing officer within 10 days of the lodging of the bill for taxation and will notify the parties of the identity of the taxing officer and the fees that are payable under

paragraph 5(2)(a) of Part C of the First Schedule to the Rules. No taxation will commence until the fees payable under paragraph 5(2)(a) have been received.

- 6. Where fees are payable in accordance with paragraph 5(2)(b) of Part C of the First Schedule, the parties will be notified by the Clerk of Court of the amount of fees payable within 7 days of the receipt by the Clerk of Court of the taxed bill. The certificate will not be issued until these fees are paid.
- 7. Where appropriate in a particular case, the Clerk of Court may delegate the functions described under paragraphs 3-6 hereof to a Deputy Clerk of Court or to the Registrar of the Court of Appeal.

Dated this 2nd day of May 2021

The Hon Anthony Smellie Q.C.

Chief Justice

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