

Sample cost estimate for a matter for a small claim in the District Court

		hrs	rate	total fees	disbursements	total for this part of claim
1A	Claim					
1.1	Review of claim	3	\$300	\$900		
1.2	Review of evidence/correspondence	16	\$300	\$4,800		
1.3	not used	0	\$300	\$0		
1.4	not used	0	\$300	\$0		
1.5	Drafting claim	20	\$300	\$6,000		
1.6	Meeting/conference with client to settle claim	3	\$300	\$900		
1.7	Settle claim	4	\$300	\$1,200		
1.8	Correspondence to/from client	10	\$300	\$3,000		
1.9	Review by senior partner/director	4	\$300	\$1,200		
1.1	<i>Counsel drafting and settling Reply</i>	4	\$350		\$1,400	
1.11	Filing fee				\$2,500	
	Subtotal			\$18,000	\$3,900	\$21,900
1B	Defence					
1.1	Review of claim	0	\$300	\$0		
1.2	Review of evidence/correspondence	0	\$300	\$0		
1.3	Request for further and better particulars	0	\$300	\$0		
1.4	Settle request for further and better particulars	0	\$300	\$0		
1.5	Drafting defence	0	\$300	\$0		
1.6	Meeting/conference with client to settle defence	0	\$300	\$0		
1.7	Settle defence	0	\$300	\$0		
1.8	Correspondence to/from client	0	\$300	\$0		
1.9	Review by senior partner/director	0	\$300	\$0		
	Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
2	Cross-Claim					
2.1	Review of claim	0	\$300	\$0		
2.2	Drafting Cross-Claim	0	\$300	\$0		
2.3	Review of correspondence/evidence	0	\$300	\$0		
2.4	Settling Cross-Claim	0	\$300	\$0		
2.5	Correspondence to/from client/defendant	0	\$300	\$0		
2.6	Review by senior partner/director	0	\$300	\$0		
2.7	<i>Filing fee for Cross Claim</i>				\$0	
	Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
3	Further and Better Particulars					
3.1	Review of request for further and better particulars for cross claim	3	\$300	\$900		
3.2	Drafting FBP in response for Cross-Claim	10	\$300	\$3,000		
3.3	Settling FBP	3	\$300	\$900		
3.4	Correspondence to/from client/defendant	5	\$300	\$1,500		
3.5	Review by senior partner/director	4	\$300	\$1,200		
	Subtotal			\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500
4	Reply to Defence					
4.1	Review of Defence (if any)	2	\$300	\$600		
4.2	Drafting reply to Defence	8	\$300	\$2,400		
4.3	Settling Reply	2	\$300	\$600		
4.4	<i>Counsel drafting and settling Reply</i>	8	\$350		\$2,800	
4.5	Correspondence to/from client/defendant	2	\$300	\$600		
4.6	Review by senior partner/director	2	\$300	\$600		
	Subtotal			\$4,800	\$2,800	\$7,600
5	Security of Costs					
5.1	Review of Affidavit evidence	0	\$300	\$0		
5.2	Drafting Affidavit evidence in reply	0	\$300	\$0		
5.3	Correspondence to/from client/defendant	0	\$300	\$0		
5.4	Review by senior partner/director	0	\$300	\$0		
5.5	Attendance at hearing	0	\$300	\$0		
5.6	<i>Counsel settling affidavits</i>	0	\$3,000		\$0	
5.7	<i>Counsel at Hearing</i>	0	\$3,000		\$0	
	Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
6	Discovery					
6.1	Preparing documents for discovery	8	\$300	\$2,400		
6.2	Inspecting other side's documents	8	\$300	\$2,400		
6.3	Review of other side's documents	10	\$300	\$3,000		
6.4	Correspondence to/from client/defendant	9	\$300	\$2,700		
6.5	Review by senior partner/director	5	\$300	\$1,500		
	Subtotal			\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000
7	Statements/Expert reports					
7.1	Draft statement/s	30	\$300	\$9,000		
7.2	Settle statement/s	8	\$300	\$2,400		
7.3	Brief experts	2	\$300	\$600		
7.4	<i>Expert to draft and amend report</i>	10	\$300		\$3,000	
7.5	<i>not used</i>	0	\$300			
7.6	Review of expert reports	8	\$300	\$2,400		
7.7	Review of Other statement/s	8	\$300	\$2,400		
7.8	Review Other expert report	8	\$300	\$2,400		
7.9	Statement/s in reply	15	\$300	\$4,500		
7.1	<i>Reply to expert report by experts</i>	10	\$300		\$3,000	
7.11	Brief to counsel	12	\$300	\$3,600		
7.12	<i>Review by Counsel and advice</i>	8	\$350		\$2,800	
7.13	Correspondence to/from client/defendant	20	\$300	\$6,000		
7.14	<i>expert witnesses. Preparing brief to expert</i>			\$0		
7.15	Review by senior partner/director	5	\$300	\$1,500		
	Subtotal			\$34,800	\$8,800	\$43,600
8	Mediation					
8.1	Mediation preparation	0	\$300	\$0		
8.2	<i>Mediation preparation - Counsel \$3,000/day</i>	0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	
8.3	Mediation - our attendance	0	\$300	\$0		
8.4	<i>Mediation - counsel</i>	0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	
8.5	Mediator's costs	0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	
	Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
9	Trial					
9.1	Trial preparation	16	\$300	\$4,800		
9.2	<i>Trial preparation - counsel</i>	8	\$350		\$2,800	
9.3	<i>Trial preparation - expert</i>	3	\$300		\$900	
9.4	Trial (2 days)	32	\$300	\$9,600		
9.5	<i>Trial Counsel - (2 days)</i>	32	\$350		\$11,200	
9.6	<i>Trial Experts (2 days)</i>	16	\$300		\$4,800	
9.7	Correspondence to/from client/defendant/ <i>not used</i>	10	\$300	\$3,000		
9.8	<i>not used</i>					
9.9	<i>not used</i>					
	Subtotal			\$17,400	\$19,700	\$37,100
	LEGAL COSTS			\$76,500		
	*Disbursements (Counsel and expert)				\$31,300	
	Total Plus GST					\$107,800
	If successful legal costs recovered (Approximate 60% recoverable)				45,900	
	Counsel and expert 100% recoverable				31,300	
	<i>Costs likely to be thrown away</i>				-\$30,600	