

## **Bankruptcy (Costs) Rules**

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## **BANKRUPTCY ACT (CHAPTER 20, SECTION 166)**

## **BANKRUPTCY (COSTS) RULES**

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### **Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Bankruptcy (Costs) Rules.

### **Rules of Court to apply**

2. Subject to these Rules and any other written law, the provisions of the Rules of Court (Cap. 322, R 5) relating to costs shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to the allowance and taxation of costs in bankruptcy proceedings.

### **Non-contentious business**

3. Subject to these Rules and any other written law, the Legal Profession Act (Cap. 161) shall apply to a solicitor's remuneration for non-contentious business in relation to a bankrupt or his estate.

### **Production of vouchers**

4. A voucher shall be produced on taxation for every payment failing which such payment shall be disallowed.

### **Where same solicitor is employed for 2 or more persons having same interest**

5.—(1) Where the same solicitor is employed for 2 or more persons having the same interest, and separate papers are delivered, or other proceedings are had by or for 2 or more such persons separately, the Registrar shall consider in the taxation of such solicitor's bill of costs whether such separate papers or other proceedings were reasonable.

(2) The Registrar shall allow such part of the costs occasioned thereby as he thinks is reasonable, and any doubts which the Registrar may have as to whether the costs were reasonably incurred shall be resolved in favour of the paying party.

### **Contents of bill of costs**

6.—(1) Every bill of costs must set out in 3 separate sections details of —

- (a) the work done in the cause or matter, except for the taxation of costs;
- (b) the work done for and in respect of the taxation of costs; and
- (c) all disbursements made in the cause or matter.

(2) The costs claimed for under paragraph (1)(a) and (b) shall be indicated as one global sum for each section of the bill, while the costs claimed for under paragraph (1)(c) must set out the sum claimed for each item of disbursement.