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Clerk to the Panel on Administration of Justice and  
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3 Garden Road,  
Central,  
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Dear Miss Tai,

**Proposed Amendments to the Solicitors (General) Costs Rules**

The Law Society has conducted a comprehensive review of the Solicitors (General) Costs Rules ("the Rules").

The Council has resolved to amend paragraph 1 of the Third Schedule to the Rules in the following manner:

1. Paragraphs 1(a) and (b) be repealed as they are obsolete;
2. Paragraph 1(c) be renumbered as paragraph 1(a). The charges on printing including laser printing and scanning be included in this paragraph;
3. In view of the increasing use of colour photocopying, a new paragraph 1(b) be introduced to include the charges on colour photocopying at the rate of HK\$8 per page for the first 100 pages and thereafter discretionary but not exceeding HK\$8 per page.

The proposed marked-up amendments are attached as **Annexure 1**.

The Costs Committee has approved the proposed amendments subject to the prior approval of the Chief Justice. The letter from the Secretary of the Costs Committee to the Law Society of 19 April 2006 is attached for your reference (**Annexure 2**).

The Judiciary has no comments on the proposed amendments and directed the Law Society to consult the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services of the Legislative Council ("the Panel"). The letter from the Judiciary



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to the Law Society of 14 January 2011 is also attached for your reference  
(**Annexure 3**).

I shall be grateful if you would arrange for this matter to be considered by the  
Panel.

Yours sincerely,



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Assistant Director,  
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Enclosures

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**Proposed amendments to Solicitors (General) Costs Rules**

THIRD SCHEDULE

**ANNEXURE** [rule 4.]

1. Copy of document -

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| (a)    | <del>typed copy, other than a carbon copy, or written copy, per folio.</del>   | <del>\$2.50</del>          |
| (b)    | <del>printed, stencilled or carbon copy, per folio.</del>  | <del>\$1.50</del>          |
| (e)(a) | photographic copy or printed (including but not limited to laser printed) copy or scanned copy in black and white, for each sheet of foolscap or smaller page- |                            |
| (i)    | for the first 100 pages  | \$3.00                     |
| (ii)   | thereafter discretionary but not exceeding   | \$3.00<br>for each<br>page |
| (b)    | photographic copy or printed (including but not limited to laser printed) copy or scanned copy in colour, for each sheet of foolscap or smaller page           |                            |
| (i)    | for the first 100 pages  | \$8.00                     |
| (ii)   | thereafter discretionary but not exceeding   | \$8.00<br>for each<br>page |
2. Fee for certifying copies of documents-for each certification. \$50.00
3. Production fee for producing deeds, chargeable upon request therefor. \$300.00
4. Fee for administering and receiving any oath, affidavit or affirmation. \$50.00
5. Fee for marking each exhibit referred to in any oath, affidavit or affirmation \$5.00
6. Fee for certifying any power of attorney-
- |     |                          |  |
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| (a) | for the first page       | \$50.00  |
| (b) | for each subsequent page | \$20.00<br>subject<br>to a<br>maximum<br>fee of<br>\$100 |
7. The costs chargeable in relation to such items as are referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 6 in respect of residential units comprised in the Home Ownership Scheme shall be 50% of the costs set out in those paragraphs.
8. The costs chargeable in relation to such items as are referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 6 in respect of residential units comprised in the Private Sector Participation Scheme, the Flat For Sale Scheme or the Sandwich Class Housing Scheme shall be 60% of the costs set out in those paragraphs.

何志賢  
香港高等法院副司法常務官



Andy C. Y. Ho  
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19 April 2006

**ANNEXURE** 

Ms. Angela Li  
Assistant Director  
Regulation and Guidance  
The Law Society  
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Dear Ms. Li,

**Re: Solicitors (General) Costs Rules**

I refer to your letter of 27 January 2006.

Please be informed that at the meeting of the Costs Committee held on 27 March 2006, the Committee has resolved that subject to the prior approval of the Chief Justice, the existing paragraph 1 of the Third Schedule to the Solicitors (General) Costs Rules be replaced by the proposed amendments as per the attachment to your said letter.

Please therefore note that prior approval of the Chief Justice regarding the proposed amendments is required.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Ho'.

(Andy Ho)  
Secretary, Costs Committee

c.c. The Hon. Mr. Justice Chung (Chairman)  
Members of the Costs Committee

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**ANNEXURE 3**

14 January 2011

Ms Angela Li  
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Regulation and Guidance  
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Dear Ms Li,

**Proposed Amendments to  
the Solicitors (General) Costs Rules (Cap. 159G)**

Thank you for your letters of 25 April 2006 and 26 September 2008 on the proposed amendments to the Solicitors (General) Costs Rules. I am instructed by the Chief Justice to reply below.

2. Regarding the Law Society's proposal to repeal the existing paragraphs 1(a) and (b), amend the existing paragraph 1(c) and add a new paragraph 1(b) of / to the Third Schedule to the Solicitors (General) Costs Rules, the Judiciary has no further comments.
3. The Judiciary considers that the Law Society should consult the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services of the Legislative

Council before seeking the Chief Justice's final approval.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clara Tang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

( Clara Tang )  
for Administrative Assistant  
to the Chief Justice

c.c. DoJ (Attn: Miss Amy Chan, Legal Policy Division)