Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 2017

(Made by the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee under section 9B of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221) with the approval of the Legislative Council)

1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Chief Justice by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules amended

The Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 221 sub. leg. B) are amended as set out in rules 3, 4 and 5.

3. Rule 3 amended (allowances for professional witnesses)

(1) Rule 3(1)—

Repeal

"$2,415"

Substitute

"$2,770".

(2) Rule 3(2)—

Repeal

"$1,205"

Substitute

"$1,385".

4. Rule 4 amended (allowances for expert witnesses)

(1) Rule 4(1)—

Repeal

"$2,415"

Substitute

"$2,770".

(2) Rule 4(2)—

Repeal

"$1,205"

Substitute

"$1,385".

5. Rule 5 amended (allowances for loss of remuneration or expenses incurred)

(1) Rule 5(1)—

Repeal

"$445"

Substitute

"$515".

(2) Rule 5(2)—

Repeal

"$220"

Substitute

"$255".

Made this 10th day of February 2017.

The Hon. Mr. Justice CHEUNG
Chief Judge of the High Court

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Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Criminal Procedure (Witnesses' Allowances) Rules (Cap. 221 sub. leg. B) to increase the maximum rates of allowances for the following classes of witnesses in criminal proceedings before any court—

(a) witnesses practising specific professions and attending to give professional evidence;

(b) expert witnesses attending to give expert evidence;

(c) witnesses attending to give evidence (other than professional or expert evidence) and losing remuneration or incurring expenses as a result.