



Stone Rowe Brewer LLP (SRB) v Just Costs Solicitors

Comments

Solicitor/client detailed assessments pursuant to the Solicitors Act 1974 are an area of costs law rapidly increasing in interest with more and more lay clients pursuing, and solicitors defending, challenges to legal fees.

Consideration of special circumstances pursuant to section 70(10) is a first for the Court of Appeal, both in its existing form within the 1974 Act, and in the Act's many predecessors.

The Court has provided guidance that "special circumstances" should not be interpreted narrowly but can be considered as part of the very wide discretion that a judge has when considering what order to make about costs, to include consideration of issues arising from individual invoices on assessment.

This decision constitutes a resounding success for Just Costs Solicitors in an area that is rapidly gathering momentum in the legal costs arena.