Rate fixing

It is essential to make sound agreements from the start with your legal counsel about the costs and fees which will be charged regarding your file.

However, the job of a lawyer is a custom-made activity. Every case is different. The services to be rendered are not always predictable and depend on the nature of the case and the persistency of the incidents caused by the adverse party. Therefore, it is difficult for a lawyer to calculate the exact costs and fees.

Furthermore, a lawyer has a 'best endeavours obligation' and no obligation to achieve a result. He engages in optimally promoting his client's interests by all legal means and knowledge.

A lawyer is not haphazard in his invoicing. The calculation is done based on objective, measurable and verifiable data.

At the start of the case, the client will immediately receive of confirmation of receipt of the file together with the rate fixing. This will stipulate exactly on what basis the lawyer will proceed. This can be an hourly rate, a collection rate, a subscription fee or can be based on a mixed system. It will also state the rates of office expenses.

We also wish to draw your attention to the fact that the "No cure no pay system" does not apply in Belgium.

Should you have, while we are dealing with your case file, any questions or objections, do not hesitate to ask for the necessary information in writing and/or verbally.

In case you have objections, we kindly ask you to communicate these at the latest 10 days upon receipt of your invoice.

In case we cannot reach an agreement, you can always submit our invoices to the advice and/or judgment of the Arbitration Committee of the Bar Association Ghent.

With this confirmation of receipt of your file you will also be informed of:

1. Our general terms and conditions;
2. Our professional liability and insurance;
3. The application of the Law of 11.10.1993 as a precaution against money laundering and terrorist financing;
4. The application of the Services Act of 26.03.2010.

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