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**Interest Policy**

In accordance with the Solicitors Accounts Rules, it is the firm's policy to account to its clients for a sum in lieu of interest on a fair and reasonable basis. This document sets out our policy for paying interest where we hold money in a client account or Designated Client account -

**1 When Interest is paid?**

1.1 Interest will be calculated and paid in accordance with this policy. The amount of interest paid to each recipient will take into account:

1.1.1 the amount held

1.1.2 how long we held cleared funds

1.1.3 the rate of interest payable on the amount held in an instant access account at the bank where the funds are held

1.2 **We do not pay interest -**

1.2.1 on money held to pay a professional disbursement

1.2.2 on money paid for future fees

1.2.3 if we have agreed with the recipient to contract out of our obligation to pay interest

1.2.4 the amount of interest, calculated in accordance with this policy, is less than £20 (unless otherwise advised)

**2 Types of client account -**

2.1 Client account monies can be held in two different ways:

2.1.1 in a Designated client account - where we open a separate bank account for a specific client

2.1.2 in our general client account - this is where we hold monies for clients or trusts that are not held in a Designated client account

2.2 How we calculate interest under this policy depends on which type of account is used. It is therefore important that we use the correct type of account.

**3 Interest on monies held in separate Designated client account -**

3.1 As a general rule, where we reasonably expect to hold monies on behalf of a client for at least the period stated below, on request we will pay it into a separate designated client account with RBS or Lloyds, unless advised of an alternative bank.

<b>Amount of money held for client/third party</b>	<b>Period money expected to be held</b>
£50,000	16 weeks
£100,000	8 weeks
£300,000	4 weeks
£600,000	2 weeks
£1,000,000	1 week

- 3.2 This is not a rigid rule and we will give our clients the opportunity to request that we make different arrangements.
- 3.3 Unless we are instructed to the contrary, we will pay 100% of the interest received on monies deposited in a Designated client account to the recipient to whom we ultimately pay the monies on deposit.
- 3.4 Interest will be paid net of tax unless the recipient has signed a declaration that they are entitled to receive gross interest.

#### **4 Interest on monies held in our general client account -**

- 4.1 Any money not held in a Designated client account will be held in our general client account.
- 4.2 When we hold money on the client's behalf, we will on request credit the client with interest on the sums held unless the amount of interest due would be £20 or less. The interest will normally be applied at the end of the matter.
- 4.3 The interest rate is likely to change from time to time and is dependent on which bank monies are being held in.