

# **CLAPHAM & COLLINGE LLP**

## **INTEREST POLICY**

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## 1. INTEREST POLICY

- a. The purpose of this document is to set out the Clapham & Collinge LLP (C&C) policy regarding interest in relation to money held on behalf of clients as set out in rule 7 of the SRA Accounts Rules, set out below:
  - i. *7.1 you account to clients or third parties for a fair sum of interest on any client money held by on their behalf.*
  - ii. *7.2 you may by a written agreement come to a different arrangement with the client or the third party for whom the money is held as to the payment of interest, but you must provide sufficient information to enable them to give informed consent.*
- b. The over-riding objective of this policy is to achieve what C&C believes is a fair and reasonable outcome for both the client and C&C.
- c. To facilitate transactions during the conduct of a matter client and designated deposit funds are held in instant access client bank accounts with Bank of Scotland and such banks as C&C may utilise for business.
- d. Where specifically instructed by the Client funds can be held in a designated deposit account. The interest rate on designated deposit accounts will be that earned on a designated client account with the Bank of Scotland, interest earned on designated deposit accounts is for the benefit of the client.
- e. Interest on designated deposit accounts is calculated calendar monthly or when the account is closed.
- f. The rate of interest allowed to clients on money held in the general client account reflects the market rate of interest paid on a Commercial Banking Corporate Call Account offered by the Bank of Scotland over the period when interest is due. We will review this rate quarterly or when there is a change in the Bank of England base rate.
- g. Trust money will be held in either the general client account or a designated deposit account and is subject to the same policy as set out in this document.
- h. Interest on general client money can be calculated at any stage of a transaction.
- i. Interest on money held in general client account will not be applied to specific matters where the sum of interest is less than £30.
- j. C&C reserves the right to charge, at usual fee earner rates, for any reasonable additional time cost or third-party cost that is incurred implementing a client's request in respect of their funds.
- k. C&C receives interest on the aggregate of all cleared client money held in the general client account and, subject to any interest paid to clients, is for the benefit of C&C.
- l. Should any bank in which C&C hold funds fails then, in accordance with Solicitors Regulation Authority guidance, we reserve the right to disclose to the Financial Reporting Standards Council the names and details of clients whose money is held there to facilitate compensation for those clients, up to the applicable limit, currently £85,000 per individual client.

- m. C&C will not be liable to you or any third party for any loss or damage suffered as a result of any act, fraud, delay, negligence, omission, insolvency of any bank, financial institution, payment or clearing system nor that of the directors, employees, agents or representatives of any of the above.
- n. This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure a fair outcome is being achieved for both the client and C&C.