

Note in Disputed Legal Aid Account – [REDACTED]

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At the conclusion of the taxation in the above I was asked to write on one point of dispute in the account. Messrs. Cairns Brown on behalf of [REDACTED] had submitted a Legal Aid Application to the Scottish Legal Aid Board along with a covering letter containing further information. While it was accepted that the information was relevant to the application the Board's view was that it could have been included in the application form. I am of the view that where information can be entered in a Legal Aid Application it should be and not submitted by way of a separate letter.

Whether the cost of the extra time involved in completing the application will always be less than the cost of a letter is a moot point which would depend on the circumstances of each case.



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