

## **Taxation decision**

### **PF -v- Thomas Gerald Delaney Hamilton - 22 November 1976**

This is the relevant extract relating to corroboration in precognitions from the taxation.

“The extended precognition of Angus Jackson reads “I can corroborate the statement of Constable Green to ‘A’ in the margin”. The extended precognition of David Wilson reads “I can corroborate in full the statement of Constable Graham. I can identify the accused”. Mr Russell submitted that at least half-fees should be allowed and Mr Wood argued that in this situation time charges only should be allowed.

There is no dispute between parties that a time charge was included in the account for interviewing Angus Jackson and David Wilson, the two police witnesses. The dispute was in connection with the additional charges for the drawing and extending of the thirteen words in Wilson’s precognition and fifteen words in Jackson’s precognition.

Mr Russell was unable to produce the notes taken at the interviews with the police constables from which he says he drew the precognitions. I would have expected in the interests of economy that it might not have been necessary to draw and extend the twenty-eight words if the original notes were available.

In the circumstances, I have disallowed the charges for drawing and extending these two precognitions on the basis that due regard should be paid to economy when the work is done and in the knowledge that the solicitor had received a time charge when he attended on the witnesses at which time he must surely have written almost as many words as are shown on the typewritten precognitions. Even if the solicitor wished a typewritten copy, the time involved must have been minimal.”