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Crossword solution from page 62

Across: 1 Hutz, 5 Moot, 9 Departure, 12 Waif, 14 Preside, 15 Claim, 16 Local, 19 Express, 20 Appurtenance, 21 Pot, 24 Collective, 25 Harsh, 26 Retainer, 29 Sumptuary, 30 Freehold, 32 Ferae, 33 Quia, 34 Comity, 35 Test.

Down: 2 Taxable, 3 Hue, 4 Fare, 6 Tontine, 7 Traverse, 8 Supplementary, 10 Paulian, 11 Exempt, 13 Failure, 17 Countermand, 18 Usage, 21 Precatory, 22 Accord, 23 Arms, 24 Champerty, 27 Naked, 28 Public, 30 Firm, 31 Oyez, 32 Fiat.

Interest rates

For up-to-date information and more historical rates see the QLS website >> qls.com.au under 'For the Profession' and 'Resources for Practitioners'

| Rate | Effective | Rate % |
|---|-----------------|--------|
| Standard default contract rate | from 4 May 2015 | 9.70 |
| Family Court – Interest on money ordered to be paid other than maintenance of a periodic sum for half year | to 30 Jun 2015 | 8.50 |
| Federal Court – Interest on judgment debt for half year | to 30 Jun 2015 | 8.50 |
| Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts – Interest on default judgments before a registrar | to 30 Jun 2015 | 6.50 |
| Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts – Interest on money order (rate for debts prior to judgment at the court's discretion) | to 30 Jun 2015 | 8.50 |
| Court suitors rate for quarter year | to 31 Mar 2015 | 1.7467 |
| Cash rate target | from 6 May 2015 | 2.00 |
| Unpaid legal costs – maximum prescribed interest rate | from 1 Jan 2015 | 8.5 |

Historical standard default contract rate %

| May 2014 | Jun 2014 | Jul 2014 | Aug 2014 | Sep 2014 | Oct 2014 | Nov 2014 | Dec 2014 | Feb 2015* | Mar 2015* | Apr 2015 | May 2015 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 9.95 | 9.95 | 9.95 | 9.95 | 9.95 | 9.95 | 9.95 | 9.95 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.7 |

NB: A law practice must ensure it is entitled to charge interest on outstanding legal costs and if such interest is to be calculated by reference to the Cash Rate Target, must ensure it ascertains the relevant Cash Rate Target applicable to the particular case in question. See qls.com.au > Knowledge centre > Practising resources > Interest rates any changes in rates since publication. See the Reserve Bank website – www.rba.gov.au – for historical rates.

*Note: The rate printed in the February and March 2015 editions of Proctor was not shown as updated due to production deadlines.

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