



**In the name of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani,
Emir of the State of Qatar**

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**IN THE QATAR FINANCIAL CENTRE
CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL COURT
COSTS ASSESSMENT**

Date: 29 September 2025

CASE NO: CTFIC0021/2025

PARLEY PARSONS LLC

Claimant

v

STRUCTUREL FACILITY MANAGEMENT & CONTRACTING W.L.L

Defendant

JUDGMENT

Before:

Justice Fritz Brand

Order

1. The Defendant is directed to pay the Claimant:
 - i. the sum of **QAR 8,500** forthwith by way of its reasonable costs; and
 - ii. interest on the said amount, calculated at the rate of 7% per annum from the date of this judgment to date of payment.

Judgment

1. The Claimant, Parley Parsons LLC, is a corporate entity established in the Qatar Financial Centre (the 'QFC'). The Defendant, Structurel Facility Management Contracting W.L.L., is a company established in the State of Qatar but not within the QFC. On 4 June 2025, judgment was granted by this Court against the Defendant in favour of the Claimant in the sum of QAR 35,000 plus interest. It was further ordered that the Defendant was to pay the reasonable costs incurred by the Claimant in pursuing its claim, the amount of such costs to be determined by the Court if not agreed.
2. In motivating the amount of its claim in costs, the Claimant relies on an invoice from its legal representatives – a law firm practicing from offices in Austin, Texas – for an amount of QAR 8,500. There was no agreement between the parties on what would constitute a reasonable amount of costs incurred. Although the Defendant was afforded an opportunity to oppose the claim in this Court that consequently followed, it had failed to do so.
3. Having regard to the Practice Direction No. 2 of 2024 (Costs), issued by the President of this Court, the major consideration in this case appears to relate to the question of proportionality. In doing so, it is plain that the claim was for the relatively small amount of QAR 35,000, which was allocated to the Small Claims Track of this Court in accordance with Practice Direction No. 1 of 2022 (Small Claims) and which was unopposed by the Defendant. Moreover, there is no reason to think that it was of any particular significance to the parties. The claim was based on the outstanding balance under a contract between the parties for services rendered by the Claimant. Hence, on

the face of it, it was not a matter of any complexity involving difficult questions of fact or law. A proportionality perspective would therefore seem to indicate a fee calculated on the lower end of the fee scale.

4. Having said that, it appears to me that the fees charged by the Claimant's representatives are indeed on the lower end of the scale. Unfortunately, the invoice relied upon refers to items of work only, such as: "*Client intake & strategy - QAR 900; Drafting Claim Form (Part 7 remedy and interest); Drafting of Statement of Claim - QAR 1,900; Factual exhibit bundle (compilation, pagination, cross referencing) - QAR 700*". More specifically, there is no indication as to time spent or rates per hour. However, adopting a global and pragmatic approach, which in my view is warranted by the nature and circumstances of the case, it cannot in my view be said that the fee is unreasonable. Even at a rate of QAR 1,500 per hour, it would mean that fewer than six hours were spent on the whole case. In addition, it is clear from the papers that, although this was not a matter of great moment, the Claimant's legal representatives adopted a very professional approach by presenting a well-prepared case to the Court.
5. Hence, I conclude that there is no reason to award the Claimant any lesser amount than what it has paid to its legal representative.

By the Court,



[signed]

Justice Fritz Brand

A signed copy of this Judgment has been filed with the Registry.

Representation

The Claimant was represented by Maniar Law PLLC (Austin, Texas, USA).

The Defendant did not appear and was not represented.