

**RCW 4.84.010 Costs allowed to prevailing party—Defined—
Compensation of attorneys.** The measure and mode of compensation of attorneys and counselors, shall be left to the agreement, expressed or implied, of the parties, but there shall be allowed to the prevailing party upon the judgment certain sums for the prevailing party's expenses in the action, which allowances are termed costs, including, in addition to costs otherwise authorized by law, the following expenses:

- (1) Filing fees;
- (2) Fees for the service of process by a public officer, registered process server, or other means, as follows:
 - (a) When service is by a public officer, the recoverable cost is the fee authorized by law at the time of service.
 - (b) If service is by a process server registered pursuant to chapter 18.180 RCW or a person exempt from registration, the recoverable cost is the amount actually charged and incurred in effecting service;
- (3) Fees for service by publication;
- (4) Notary fees, but only to the extent the fees are for services that are expressly required by law and only to the extent they represent actual costs incurred by the prevailing party;
- (5) Reasonable expenses, exclusive of attorneys' fees, incurred in obtaining reports and records, which are admitted into evidence at trial or in mandatory arbitration in superior or district court, including but not limited to medical records, tax records, personnel records, insurance reports, employment and wage records, police reports, school records, bank records, and legal files;
- (6) Statutory attorney and witness fees; and
- (7) To the extent that the court or arbitrator finds that it was necessary to achieve the successful result, the reasonable expense of the transcription of depositions used at trial or at the mandatory arbitration hearing: PROVIDED, That the expenses of depositions shall be allowed on a pro rata basis for those portions of the depositions introduced into evidence or used for purposes of impeachment. [2009 c 240 s 1; 2007 c 121 s 1; 1993 c 48 s 1; 1984 c 258 s 92; 1983 1st ex.s. c 45 s 7; Code 1881 s 505; 1877 p 108 s 509; 1869 p 123 s 459; 1854 p 201 s 367; RRS s 474.]

**Court Improvement Act of 1984—Effective dates—Severability—
Short title—1984 c 258:** See notes following RCW 3.30.010.

Attorney fee in appeals from board of industrial insurance appeals:
RCW 51.52.130, 51.52.132.

Process server fees: RCW 18.180.035.