

- **Section 270 of Civil Procedure Code: Costs of Proceedings**
 - a) *Unless provided otherwise in another Act, the general rule is that courts may award the costs of proceedings to be paid to the winning party from the losing party.*
 - b) *In awarding costs of proceedings under subsection (a) of this Section, the Court has the discretion to decide on the following:*
 - (1) *Whether one party has to pay costs of proceedings to another party*
 - (2) *Amount to be paid as costs of proceedings*
 - (3) *Time period during which the costs of proceedings is to be paid*

- **Section 271 of Civil Procedure Code: Excluded matters**
 - o *Notwithstanding what is stated in Section 270 of this Act, the principle stated in Section 270 shall not apply to family matters and distribution of property under the rule of succession.*

- **Section 272 of Civil Procedure Code: Factors to be considered by the Court**
 - a) *In deciding whether one party has to pay costs of proceedings to the other party, the Court shall consider the following factors.*
 - (1) *Conduct of the parties in submitting the claim, defense, and statements of the dispute*
 - (2) *Even if the party did not win the whole claim, the fact of the party winning some aspects of the claim submitted*
 - (3) *Whether there were efforts made to settle the dispute outside of court*
 - (4) *The importance of the claim submitted to both parties*
 - (5) *Complexity of the dispute and importance of legal questions raised in the case*
 - (6) *Time spent on the dispute*
 - (7) *The value of the property if it is a property dispute*
 - (8) *Whether there were any delays in the proceedings of the dispute due to conduct of one of the parties*
 - (9) *Any other relevant fact or circumstances of the dispute*
 - b) *In the determination by the Court to pay costs of proceedings, the Court may order the costs of proceedings to be paid in the following manner.*
 - (1) *To pay part of the costs of proceedings of the other party*
 - (2) *To pay a specific amount of the costs of proceedings of the other party*
 - (3) *To pay the costs of proceedings incurred from one date to another*
 - (4) *To pay the costs of proceedings incurred before commencement of the hearings*
 - (5) *To pay costs of proceedings incurred during a particular stage of hearings*
 - (6) *To pay costs of proceedings incurred in relation to a specific part of hearings*
 - (7) *To pay interest from one date to another with the inclusion of the date on which judgement was made*
 - (8) *To pay penalty incurred for costs of proceedings from one date to another*
 - c) *Before making an order for the payment of costs of proceedings under subsection (b) (6) of this Section, the Court shall determine whether it is reasonable to order payment under subsection (b)(1) or (b) (3) of this Section.*
 - d) *Where the court orders payment of costs of proceedings after conducting a detailed assessment, the Court may order payment of a reasonable sum unless there are reasons to act otherwise.*