

Legal assistance fees paid to advocates - top 20 comparison

Notes

This table shows the 20 highest earning advocates between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 by the legal assistance fees paid to them directly or via the Faculty of Advocates. Fees paid via the nominated solicitor, e.g. in judicial expenses cases, are not included. The legal assistance fees paid to the same 20 advocates in the last two financial years are also shown. The list of highest earning advocates will change each year. Therefore, there is also a like for like comparison made with the earnings of the top 20 advocates in each year. Payments comprise electronic payments transferred to the Faculty or individual's bank account between those dates. Amounts are rounded to the nearest £1000. In some cases, money may have been paid, but returned to us, and any such amounts processed by our accounts system between those dates have been deducted.

Where applicable monies paid back to SLAB in respect of audit restitution have been deducted in calculating the legal assistance fees shown.

Position in			Name	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2024-25	
2022-	2023-	2024-		2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025		
2023	2024	2025		£000	£000	£000	£000	%
1	1	1	ANTHONY J LENEHAN KC	400	450	490	40	9
3	3	2	DONALD R FINDLAY KC	330	345	370	26	7
12	6	3	MARK ALLISON	205	300	366	66	22
9	27	4	MARK L STEWART KC	233	161	350	189	117
8	2	5	BRIAN MCCONNACHIE KC	262	366	340	-25	-7
5	5	6	THOMAS L ROSS KC	286	322	324	1	0
13	16	7	JOHN JOSEPH SCULLION KC	198	212	307	96	45
15	21	8	JOHN BRANNIGAN	194	194	306	112	58
2	4	9	RONALDO RENUCCI KC	336	330	285	-44	-13
11	8	10	JONATHAN CROWE	216	270	255	-15	-5
29	31	11	PATRICIA BAILLIE	155	156	249	93	60
21	14	12	PAUL NELSON KC	179	215	246	31	15
7	7	13	ANTHONY J GRAHAM KC	264	273	240	-33	-12
17	19	14	CALLUM HILLER	192	202	236	35	17
35	23	15	LILI PRAIS KC	135	175	233	58	33
19	18	16	KENNETH CLOGGIE	182	205	212	7	3
65	30	17	DUNCAN H MCPHIE	63	156	211	55	35
10	10	18	FRANCES C CONNOR	228	236	209	-27	-11
22	12	19	LORENZO ALONZI	175	226	209	-17	-7
18	29	20	JANICE GREEN	184	160	208	48	30
Top 20 total paid				4,417	4,952	5,649	696	14
Previous Years' Top 20 Earning Advocates				4,868	5,266	-	383	7