

Legal assistance fees paid to solicitor-advocates - top 20 comparison

Note

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitor advocates between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025. The fees paid for the same 20 in the previous two financial years are also shown. The list of high-earning solicitor advocates will change every year. Therefore, there is also a like for like comparison made with the earnings of the top 20 solicitor advocates each year. Payments comprise electronic payments transferred to the firms' bank accounts between those dates. 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. If a solicitor advocate has been paid with more than one firm each firm is shown separated by a semi-colon. Amounts are rounded to the nearest £1000.

Position in						Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2023-24	
2022-	2023-	2024-				2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025		
2023	2024	2025	Forenames	Surname	Firm Name(s)	£000	£000	£000	£000	%
1	1	1	IAIN M	PATERSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	365	431	393	-38	-9
2	2	2	IAIN	MCSPORRAN KC	IAIN MCSPORRAN KC, SOLICITOR-ADVOCATE	332	336	364	28	8
7	4	3	GRAEME R	BROWN	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD)	175	225	345	120	53
8	5	4	KRISTOFER	GILMARTIN	KRIS GILMARTIN SOLICITOR ADVOCATE LTD	147	198	248	50	25
4	3	5	GORDON	MARTIN	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	207	233	230	-4	-2
9	11	6	BRIAN G	GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	143	136	164	28	21
3	7	7	EWEN	ROY	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	225	170	162	-7	-4
5	6	8	JAMES D	KEEGAN KC	KEEGAN SMITH SSC SOLICITORS	189	192	150	-42	-22
14	10	9	MARCO	GUARINO	GUARINO & THOMSON	87	145	146	2	1
10	13	10	PAUL	MULLEN	THE GLASGOW LAW PRACTICE LTD; LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	119	92	118	26	28
15	12	11	WILLIAM M	LAVELLE	PAULA LAVELLE SOLICITOR	87	119	118	-2	-1
18	18	12	DAVID M	FISKEN	MURPHY ROBB & SUTHERLAND	64	61	115	54	89
6	9	13	RHONDA M	ANDERSON	BRUCE MCCORMACK	178	164	104	-59	-36
16	28	14	JAMES J	MULGREW	RUSSELLS GIBSON MCCAFFREY SOLICITORS	73	30	100	70	233
23	20	15	SIMON G C	COLLINS	COLLINS AND CO DEFENCE LAWYERS LTD	44	53	94	40	75
36	17	16	EUAN	GOSNEY	CSG LEGAL LIMITED	17	68	77	9	13
13	16	17	SHAHID	LATIF	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	100	72	72	-1	-1
-	22	18	ROBERT W	REID	MCGOVERN REID COURT LAWYERS	-	40	67	27	69
34	25	19	RICHARD	SOUTER	GEORGE MORE & CO LLP SOLICITORS	19	35	60	24	69
21	19	20	ROBERT	MITCHELL	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	53	60	59	0	-1
Top 20 Total						2,624	2,860	3,186	326	11
Previous Years' Top 20 Solicitor Advocates' Earnings						2,887	3,070	-	116	4