Legal assistance fees paid to advocates - top 20 comparison

Notes

This table shows the 20 highest earning advocates between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 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.

Monies paid back to SLAB in respect of audit restitution have not been deducted in calculating the legal assistance fees.

Position in 2023-2024	Position in 2024-2025	Position in 2025-2026	Name	Total fees (inc VAT) in 2023-2024 £000	Total fees (inc VAT) in 2024-2025 £000	Total fees (inc VAT) in 2025-2026 £000	Change on 2024-25 £000	Change on 2024-25 %
1	1	1	ANTHONY J LENEHAN KC	450	490	413	-77	-16
6	3	2	MARK ALLISON	300	366	357	-9	-2
2	5	3	BRIAN MCCONNACHIE KC	366	340	335	-6	-2
21	8	4	JOHN BRANNIGAN	194	306	333	28	9
5	6	5	THOMAS L ROSS KC	322	324	330	7	2
3	2	6	DONALD R FINDLAY KC	345	370	302	-69	-19
30	17	7	DUNCAN H MCPHIE	156	211	292	81	38
8	10	8	JONATHAN CROWE	270	255	265	10	4
7	13	9	ANTHONY J GRAHAM KC	273	240	257	17	7
10	18	10	FRANCES C CONNOR	236	209	238	29	14
59	31	11	VICTORIA DOW	92	168	226	58	34
9	25	12	WENDY CULROSS	237	185	225	40	22
-	32	13	RICHARD GODDARD KC	-	146	220	74	51
-	76	14	ANGELA GRAY	-	63	217	154	243
14	12	15	PAUL NELSON KC	215	246	214	-33	-13
-	49	16	PAUL KEENAN	-	118	213	95	80
27	4	17	MARK L STEWART KC	161	350	208	-142	-41
12	19	18	LORENZO ALONZI	226	209	204	-5	-2
38	23	19	R M GUINNANE	140	189	204	15	8
11	28	20	IAN M. DUGUID KC	234	176	203	27	15
			Top 20 total paid	**4,217**	**4,964**	**5,257**	**292**	**6**
			Previous Years' Top 20 Earning Advocates	5,266	5,649	-	-392	-7