

**Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2014-2015**  
**Legal assistance fees paid to advocates - top 20 comparison**



| Position in                                       |       |       |            |                  |                   | Total fees (inc VAT ) in |                   |                  | Change on 2013-14 |  |
|---|-------|-------|------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|
| 2014-   | 2013- | 2012- | Forenames  | Surname          | 2014-2015         | 2013-2014                | 2012-2013         | £                | %                 |  |
| 2015  | 2014  | 2013  |            |                  |                   |                          |                   |                  |                   |  |
| 1   | 6     | 2     | BRIAN      | MCCONNACHIE Q.C. | £303,000          | £238,000                 | £314,300          | £65,100          | 27%               |  |
| 2   | 1     | 1     | GORDON     | JACKSON Q.C.     | £282,200          | £298,500                 | £323,100          | -£16,400         | -5%               |  |
| 3   | 2     | 5     | DONALD R   | FINDLAY Q.C.     | £258,600          | £277,900                 | £299,800          | -£19,300         | -7%               |  |
| 4   | 3     | 4     | IAN M.     | DUGUID Q.C.      | £255,100          | £274,900                 | £303,900          | -£19,800         | -7%               |  |
| 5   | 14    | 14    | ANTHONY J  | LENEHAN          | £241,900          | £167,400                 | £230,800          | £74,400          | 44%               |  |
| 6   | 9     | 12    | PAUL JAMES | BROWN            | £221,000          | £227,100                 | £236,600          | -£6,200          | -3%               |  |
| 7   | 5     | 7     | RONALDO    | RENUCCI          | £212,800          | £262,500                 | £262,100          | -£49,800         | -19%              |  |
| 8   | 7     | 15    | DEREK A    | OGG Q.C.         | £211,300          | £236,000                 | £222,000          | -£24,700         | -10%              |  |
| 9   | 10    | 25    | FRANCES J  | MCMENAMIN Q.C.   | £198,700          | £215,800                 | £156,900          | -£17,100         | -8%               |  |
| 10  | 4     | 3     | ANTHONY J  | GRAHAM           | £198,000          | £272,500                 | £312,400          | -£74,500         | -27%              |  |
| 11  | 11    | 13    | LOUISE     | ARROL            | £187,300          | £215,600                 | £235,000          | -£28,300         | -13%              |  |
| 12  | 17    | 27    | MHAIRI R   | RICHARDS Q.C.    | £167,400          | £155,100                 | £153,000          | £12,300          | 8%                |  |
| 13  | 20    | 16    | THOMAS L   | ROSS             | £164,700          | £144,400                 | £219,500          | £20,400          | 14%               |  |
| 14  | 8     | 10    | MARK L     | STEWART Q.C.     | £158,600          | £227,500                 | £240,700          | -£68,900         | -30%              |  |
| 15  | 31    | -     | JOHN P     | MCELROY          | £158,300          | £115,000                 | -                 | £43,300          | 38%               |  |
| 16  | 15    | 48    | JONATHAN   | CROWE            | £146,900          | £157,600                 | £111,800          | -£10,800         | -7%               |  |
| 17  | 34    | 18    | SARAH M    | LIVINGSTONE      | £134,500          | £112,600                 | £200,100          | £21,900          | 19%               |  |
| 18  | 47    | 28    | FRANCES C  | CONNOR           | £125,800          | £88,900                  | £151,000          | £36,900          | 42%               |  |
| 19  | 81    | 104   | AIDAN      | O'NEILL Q.C.     | £124,600          | £49,900                  | £54,300           | £74,700          | 150%              |  |
| 20  | 27    | 63    | MATTHEW    | JACKSON          | £116,500          | £120,700                 | £96,500           | -£4,200          | -4%               |  |
| <b>Top 20 Total</b>                               |       |       |            |                  | <b>£3,867,100</b> | <b>£3,858,000</b>        | <b>£4,123,800</b> | <b>£9,000</b>    | <b>0%</b>         |  |
| <b>Previous Years' Top 20 Advocates' Earnings</b> |       |       |            |                  | <b>-</b>          | <b>£4,216,900</b>        | <b>£4,997,900</b> | <b>-£349,800</b> | <b>-8%</b>        |  |

**Note**  
This table shows the 20 highest earning advocates between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 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 two previous 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 the two previous financial years. Payments comprise electronic payments transferred to the Faculty or individual's bank account and cheques dated between those dates. Amounts are rounded to the nearest £100. 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.