

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



Position in			Forenames	Surname	Firm Name(s)	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2013-14	
2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013				2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	£	%
1	1	1	IAIN M	PATERSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	£267,200	£279,300	£313,800	-£12,100	-4%
2	18	7	GORDON	MARTIN	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	£158,000	£87,800	£156,000	£70,300	80%
3	9	31	LIAM W	O'DONNELL	LIAM O'DONNELL SOLICITOR ADVOCACY LTD	£136,900	£126,200	£53,500	£10,700	9%
4	2	5	JOHN	SCOTT Q.C.	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	£120,500	£227,100	£192,800	-£106,600	-47%
5	3	2	BRIAN G	GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	£103,000	£170,600	£249,800	-£67,600	-40%
6	4	11	CHRISTOPHER	FYFFE	CHRIS FYFFE SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	£102,300	£161,000	£118,300	-£58,700	-36%
7	30	32	RHONDA M	ANDERSON	BRUCE MCCORMACK; SCULLION LAW	£97,100	£52,700	£53,100	£44,400	84%
8	11	18	EWEN	ROY	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	£95,500	£120,300	£89,700	-£24,700	-21%
9	13	12	MAURICE T	SMYTH	GORDON & SMYTH SOLICITORS	£85,500	£115,700	£113,900	-£30,200	-26%
10	-	-	SHAHID	LATIF	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	£82,300	-	-	-	-
11	12	6	JOHN	KEENAN	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	£80,600	£118,500	£167,600	-£37,900	-32%
12	16	8	VINCENT	BELMONTE	BELMONTE & CO	£78,800	£96,100	£152,300	-£17,300	-18%
13	22	19	SIMON G C	COLLINS	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	£76,900	£79,200	£85,500	-£2,300	-3%
14	8	20	LIAM	EWING	LIAM EWING SOLICITOR ADVOCATE LTD	£74,800	£136,800	£84,800	-£62,100	-45%
15	6	17	IAN G	BRYCE	CENTRAL COURT LAWYERS; CENTRAL CRIMINAL LAWYERS SOLICITORS	£70,200	£146,400	£90,500	-£76,200	-52%
16	27	22	ANTHONY J	MCGLENNAN	PENMANS SOLICITORS	£67,200	£59,400	£68,000	£7,700	13%
17	5	21	JOHN	CARROLL	JOHN CARROLL & CO SOLICITORS	£66,100	£158,400	£73,900	-£92,400	-58%
18	24	15	J D M	MACARA QC	MURRAY MACARA LS LTD SOLICITORS	£64,200	£66,900	£102,300	-£2,800	-4%
19	17	43	GERARD	CONSIDINE	FITZPATRICK & CO SOLICITORS	£59,800	£95,600	£29,000	-£35,800	-37%
20	21	29	KRISTA I	JOHNSTON	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	£54,500	£84,300	£56,400	-£29,800	-35%
Top 20 Total						£1,941,400	£2,382,400	£2,251,300	-£441,000	-19%
Previous Years' Top 20 Solicitor Advocates' Earnings						-	£2,695,500	£2,909,100	-£754,100	-28%
Total paid to all solicitor advocates						£3,043,000	£4,304,600	£4,491,300	-£1,261,600	-29%

Notes

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitor advocates between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015. 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 in each year. Payments included electronic payments transferred to the firms' bank accounts and cheques dated between those dates. In some cases, payments have been returned to us, and any such amounts put through 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 £100.