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

Note
This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitor advocates between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023. 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 2021-22	
2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Forenames	Surname	Firm Name(s)	2020-2021 £000	2021-2022 £000	2022-2023 £000	£000	%
1	1	1	IAIN M	PATERSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	209	395	365	-30	-8
10	2	2	IAIN	MCSPORRAN K.C.	IAIN MCSPORRAN K.C., SOLICITOR-ADVOCATE	59	350	332	-18	-5
4	4	3	EWEN	ROY	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	96	146	225	79	54
7	8	4	GORDON	MARTIN	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	74	120	207	87	73
11	12	5	JAMES D	KEEGAN K.C.	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC; KEEGAN SMITH SSC SOLICITORS	58	92	189	97	106
3	9	6	RHONDA M	ANDERSON	BRUCE MCCORMACK	113	111	178	67	60
20	6	7	GRAEME R	BROWN	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD)	36	139	175	36	26
36	5	8	KRISTOFER	GILMARTIN	KRIS GILMARTIN SOLICITOR ADVOCATE LTD; GILMARTIN FINLAY MACRAE (Formerly FINLAY MACRAE GILMARTIN WARDEN)	11	144	147	3	2
6	11	9	BRIAN G	GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	81	108	143	35	32
31	17	10	PAUL	MULLEN	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	14	71	119	47	66
27	27	11	JAMES R	WALLACE	JAMES R WALLACE SOLICITORS	16	26	105	79	307
8	3	12	KRISTA I	JOHNSTON	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	73	157	104	-53	-34
14	13	13	SHAHID	LATIF	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	47	86	100	15	17
5	7	14	MARCO	GUARINO	GUARINO & THOMSON	82	124	87	-37	-30
16	18	15	WILLIAM M	LAVELLE	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD); PAULA LAVELLE SOLICITOR	42	58	87	29	51
34	25	16	JAMES J	MULGREW	RUSSELLS GIBSON MCCAFFREY SOLICITORS; FLEMING & REID SOLICITORS & NOTARIES	12	32	73	41	129
37	21	17	ALAN J	GRAVELLE	BELTRAMI & CO LTD	9	49	72	24	48
-	-	18	DAVID M	FISKEN	MURPHY ROBB & SUTHERLAND	-	-	64	-	-
23	26	19	J D M	MACARA K.C.	BELTRAMI & CO LTD	27	29	61	31	107
13	14	20	ANN	OGG	ANN OGG SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	49	82	55	-27	-33
			Top 20 Total			**1,107**	**2,319**	**2,887**	**569**	**25**
			Previous Years' Top 20 Solicitor Advocates' Earnings			**1,429**	**2,551**	**-**	**337**	**13**