

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

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2023-2024 - Legal assistance fees paid to solicitor-advocates - top 20 comparison

Note

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitor advocates between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024. 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 2022-23	
2021-	2022-	2023-				2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024		
2022	2023	2024	Forenames	Surname	Firm Name(s)	£000	£000	£000	£000	%
1	1	1	IAIN M	PATERSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	395	365	431	66	18
2	2	2	IAIN	MCSPORRAN K.C.	IAIN MCSPORRAN K.C., SOLICITOR-ADVOCATE	350	332	336	4	1
8	4	3	GORDON	MARTIN	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	120	207	233	26	13
6	7	4	GRAEME R	BROWN	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD	139	175	225	50	29
5	8	5	KRISTOFER	GILMARTIN	KRIS GILMARTIN SOLICITOR ADVOCATE LTD	144	147	198	51	34
12	5	6	JAMES D	KEEGAN K.C.	KEEGAN SMITH SSC SOLICITORS; THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	92	189	192	4	2
4	3	7	EWEN	ROY	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	146	225	170	-56	-25
27	11	8	JAMES R	WALLACE	JAMES R WALLACE SOLICITORS	26	105	165	60	58
9	6	9	RHONDA M	ANDERSON	BRUCE MCCORMACK	111	178	164	-14	-8
7	14	10	MARCO	GUARINO	GUARINO & THOMSON	124	87	145	57	66
11	9	11	BRIAN G	GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	108	143	136	-7	-5
18	15	12	WILLIAM M	LAVELLE	PAULA LAVELLE SOLICITOR; BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD) LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS; THE GLASGOW LAW	58	87	119	32	37
17	10	13	PAUL	MULLEN	PRACTICE LTD	71	119	92	-27	-22
16	24	14	JAMES P	STEPHENSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS; THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	73	38	75	36	95
-	35	15	BRIAN	BELL	BELL BRODIE SOLICITORS	-	19	74	56	300
13	13	16	SHAHID	LATIF	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	86	100	72	-28	-28
-	36	17	EUAN	GOSNEY	CSG LEGAL LIMITED; THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	-	17	68	50	291
-	18	18	DAVID M	FISKEN	MURPHY ROBB & SUTHERLAND	-	64	61	-3	-5
15	21	19	ROBERT	MITCHELL	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	74	53	60	7	13
19	23	20	SIMON G C	COLLINS	COLLINS AND CO DEFENCE LAWYERS LTD; COLLINS AND CO	57	44	53	10	23
Top 20 Total						2,174	2,694	3,070	376	14
Previous Years' Top 20 Solicitor Advocates' Earnings						2,551	2,887	-	182	6