

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

Position in						Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2018-19	
2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	Forenames	Surname	Firm Name(s)	2017-2018 £000	2018-2019 £000	2019-2020 £000	£000	%
1	1	1	IAIN M	PATERSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	242	258	261	3	1
4	8	2	JOHN	KEENAN	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	98	110	140	30	27
21	18	3	ROBERT	MITCHELL	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	29	33	120	87	265
5	7	4	CHRISTOPHER	FYFFE	CHRIS FYFFE SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	96	111	116	5	5
15	11	5	MARCO	GUARINO	GUARINO & THOMSON	38	66	106	41	62
16	22	6	GRAEME R	BROWN	BRIDGE LITIGATION UK LTD; G R BROWN SOLICITORS; BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LIMITED	35	25	101	76	305
8	2	7	GERARD	CONSIDINE	FITZPATRICK & CO SOLICITORS	83	135	100	-36	-26
2	9	8	GORDON	MARTIN	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	125	80	87	7	9
7	10	9	RHONDA M	ANDERSON	BRUCE MCCORMACK	84	77	87	11	14
3	6	10	KRISTA I	JOHNSTON	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	100	117	86	-31	-26
29	25	11	NEIL M	MCCULLOCH	GALLEN AND COMPANY LIMITED	18	24	84	60	250
23	26	12	JAMES P	STEPHENSON	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	27	23	81	58	249
18	12	13	WILLIAM M	LAVELLE	WILLIAM LAVELLE SOLICITOR; BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LIMITED	33	52	79	27	52
11	14	14	SHAHID	LATIF	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	63	50	78	28	57
9	3	15	EWEN	ROY	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	81	128	78	-50	-39
49	35	16	PHILIP	MCWILLIAMS	FINNIESTON FRANCHI & MCWILLIAMS (INC B J LANIGAN & CO)	6	18	70	52	291
13	4	17	JOHN	SCOTT Q.C.	JOHN SCOTT QC	39	127	65	-62	-49
6	5	18	BRIAN G	GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	86	127	57	-70	-55
22	19	19	SIMON G C	COLLINS	COLLINS AND CO; CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	28	32	55	23	72
-	17	20	KRISTOFER	GILMARTIN	GILMARTIN FINLAY MACRAE (Formerly FINLAY MACRAE GILMARTIN WARDEN)	-	35	52	17	48
Top 20 Total Paid						1,310	1,629	1,905	276	17
Previous Years' Top 20 Total Paid						1,470	1,709	-	196	11

Note

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitor advocates between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020. 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 and cheques dated 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.