

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2012-2013
Legal assistance fees paid to solicitor-advocates - top 20 comparison



Position in			Forenames	Surname	Firm name(s)	Total Fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2011-12		Change on 2008-09	
2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011				2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	£	%	£	%
1	1	1	IAIN M	PATERSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	£313,800	£194,700	£263,200	£119,100	61%	£130,700	71%
2	11	5	BRIAN G	GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	£249,800	£126,400	£143,900	£123,400	98%	£78,100	45%
3	7	10	J D	KEEGAN Q.C.	KEEGAN SMITH SSC SOLICITORS	£212,500	£147,500	£119,500	£65,000	44%	£38,000	22%
4	42	30	GEORGE E	POLLOCK	POLLOCK ROSS & CO SOLICITORS	£207,600	£22,100	£32,600	£185,500	839%	£175,400	545%
5	3	11	JOHN	SCOTT Q.C.	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	£192,800	£177,300	£102,700	£15,500	9%	£166,100	622%
6	6	3	JOHN	KEENAN	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	£167,600	£164,700	£213,300	£2,900	2%	£19,300	13%
7	17	16	GORDON	MARTIN	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	£156,000	£85,000	£63,100	£71,000	84%	£99,300	175%
8	25	25	VINCENT	BELMONTE	BELMONTE & CO	£152,300	£58,400	£34,600	£93,900	161%	£143,000	over 1000%
9	10	8	DAVID	TAYLOR	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS; TRAINOR ALSTON SOLICITORS	£128,500	£133,100	£133,600	£4,600	-3%	£34,000	36%
10	19	14	WILLIAM M	LAVELLE	WILLIAM LAVELLE SOLICITORS	£124,400	£72,700	£76,200	£51,700	71%	£64,200	107%
11	15	7	CHRISTOPHER	FYFFE	BRUCE SHORT & CO SOLICITORS; CHRIS FYFFE SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	£118,300	£91,900	£136,100	£26,400	29%	£32,000	37%
12	16	4	MAURICE T	SMYTH	GORDON & SMYTH SOLICITORS	£113,900	£85,500	£195,600	£28,400	33%	£54,500	-32%
13	12	12	DESMOND J	FINNIESTON	FINNIESTON FRANCHI & MCWILLIAMS (INC B J LANIGAN & CO)	£112,800	£119,000	£94,100	£6,200	-5%	£58,900	109%
14	2	6	WILLIAM	MCVICAR	MCVICAR & CO	£104,800	£188,000	£143,500	£83,200	-44%	£42,400	68%
15	22	17	J D M	MACARA Q.C.	BELTRAMI & CO LTD; MURRAY MACARA LS LTD SOLICITORS	£102,300	£64,300	£59,600	£38,000	59%	£69,000	207%
16	82	-	JOHN PAUL	MOWBERRY	BRIDGE LITIGATION UK LTD; J P MOWBERRY LIMITED SOLICITOR	£101,200	£1,900	-	£99,300	over 1000%	-	-
17	4	32	IAN G	BRYCE	CENTRAL COURT LAWYERS; CENTRAL CRIMINAL LAWYERS SOLICITORS	£90,500	£176,900	£31,000	£86,400	-49%	£34,000	60%
18	31	-	EWEN	ROY	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	£89,700	£54,600	£15,600	£35,100	64%	-	-
19	18	21	SIMON G C	COLLINS	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	£85,500	£79,100	£51,800	£6,400	8%	£39,500	86%
20	21	36	LIAM	EWING	LIAM EWING SOLICITOR ADVOCATE LTD; TURNBULL MCCARRON LIMITED	£84,800	£68,700	£23,700	£16,100	23%	£28,400	50%
Top 20 total						£2,909,100	£2,111,800	£1,933,700	£797,300	38%	£1,388,700	91%
Total paid to all solicitor advocates						£4,491,300	£3,893,100	£3,346,400	£596,500	15%	£1,942,200	76%

Notes

This table shows what we paid to firms for each of the 20 highest-earning solicitor advocates between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013. Also shown is their position in previous financial years. Amounts are rounded to the nearest £100. It includes BACS payments transferred to the firms' bank accounts and cheques dated between those dates. In some cases, money may have been paid to a firm, but 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 1 firm each firm is shown separated by a semi-colon.