

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2015-2016
Legal assistance fees paid to solicitor-advocates - top 20 comparison



2015-2016	Position in		Forenames	Surname	Firm Name(s)	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2014-15	
	2014-2015	2013-2014				2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	£	%
1	1	1	IAIN M	PATERSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	£195,000	£267,000	£279,000	£-73,000	-27%
2	2	18	GORDON	MARTIN	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	£157,000	£158,000	£88,000	£-1,000	-1%
3	5	3	BRIAN G	GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	£124,000	£103,000	£171,000	£21,000	20%
4	8	11	EWEN	ROY	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	£121,000	£96,000	£120,000	£26,000	27%
5	4	2	JOHN	SCOTT Q.C.	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	£112,000	£121,000	£227,000	£-9,000	-7%
6	14	8	LIAM	EWING	LIAM EWING SOLICITOR ADVOCATE LTD	£93,000	£75,000	£137,000	£18,000	24%
7	17	5	JOHN	CARROLL	JOHN CARROLL & CO SOLICITORS	£92,000	£66,000	£158,000	£26,000	39%
8	6	4	CHRISTOPHER	FYFFE	CHRIS FYFFE SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	£90,000	£102,000	£161,000	£-12,000	-12%
9	19	17	GERARD	CONSIDINE	FITZPATRICK & CO SOLICITORS	£86,000	£60,000	£96,000	£26,000	43%
10	10	-	SHAHID	LATIF	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	£81,000	£82,000	-	£-2,000	-2%
11	24	15	ROBERT	MITCHELL	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	£76,000	£43,000	£105,000	£33,000	75%
12	11	12	JOHN	KEENAN	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	£75,000	£81,000	£119,000	£-6,000	-7%
13	7	30	RHONDA M	ANDERSON	BRUCE MCCORMACK	£74,000	£97,000	£53,000	£-23,000	-24%
14	13	22	SIMON G C	COLLINS	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS; COLLINS	£61,000	£77,000	£79,000	£-16,000	-21%
15	30	19	DESMOND J	FINNIESTON	FINNIESTON FRANCHI & MCWILLIAMS (INC B J LANIGAN & CO)	£59,000	£33,000	£86,000	£26,000	79%
16	25	38	JAMES R	WALLACE	JAMES R WALLACE SOLICITORS	£58,000	£41,000	£36,000	£17,000	41%
17	9	13	MAURICE T	SMYTH	GORDON & SMYTH SOLICITORS	£53,000	£85,000	£116,000	£-32,000	-38%
18	48	29	WILLIAM M	LAVELLE	BRIDGE LITIGATION UK LTD	£52,000	£16,000	£57,000	£36,000	218%
19	32	25	LEANNE	MCQUILLAN	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	£52,000	£33,000	£66,000	£19,000	58%
20	18	24	J D M	MACARA Q.C.	MURRAY MACARA LS LTD SOLICITORS; BELTRAMI & CO LTD	£51,000	£64,000	£67,000	£-13,000	-21%
Top 20 Total						£1,761,000	£1,701,000	£2,221,000	£60,000	4%
Previous Years' Top 20 Solicitor Advocates' Earnings							£1,941,000	£2,696,000	£-181,000	-9%
Total paid to all solicitor advocates						£2,754,000	£3,043,000	£4,305,000	£-289,000	-10%

Notes

This table shows the 20 highest -earning solicitor advocates between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016. 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 £1000.