

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2016-2017
Legal assistance fees paid to solicitor-advocates - top 20 comparison



Position in			Forenames	Surname	Firm Name(s)	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2015-16	
2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017				2014-2015 £000	2015-2016 £000	2016-2017 £000	£000	%
1	1	1	IAIN M	PATERSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	267	195	222	27	14
30	15	2	DESMOND J	FINNIESTON	FINNIESTON FRANCHI & MCWILLIAMS (INC B J LANIGAN & CO)	33	59	172	113	190
5	3	3	BRIAN G	GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	103	124	169	45	36
11	12	4	JOHN	KEENAN	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	81	75	148	72	97
2	2	5	GORDON	MARTIN	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	158	157	136	-21	-13
47	25	6	PHILIP	MCWILLIAMS	FINNIESTON FRANCHI & MCWILLIAMS (INC B J LANIGAN & CO)	17	35	118	83	241
14	6	7	LIAM	EWING	LIAM EWING SOLICITOR ADVOCATE LTD	75	93	111	18	20
6	8	8	CHRISTOPHER	FYFFE	CHRIS FYFFE SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	102	90	106	15	17
8	4	9	EWEN	ROY	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	96	121	100	-21	-17
19	9	10	GERARD	CONSIDINE	FITZPATRICK & CO SOLICITORS	60	86	93	8	9
18	20	11	J D M	MACARA Q.C.	MURRAY MACARA LS LTD SOLICITORS	64	51	92	41	81
20	33	12	KRISTA I	JOHNSTON	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	55	30	88	58	196
10	10	13	SHAHID	LATIF	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	82	81	77	-4	-5
7	13	14	RHONDA M	ANDERSON	BRUCE MCCORMACK; RHONDA ANDERSON SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	97	74	73	0	0
24	11	15	ROBERT	MITCHELL	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	43	76	64	-12	-16
4	5	16	JOHN	SCOTT Q.C.	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	121	112	63	-49	-44
25	16	17	JAMES R	WALLACE	JAMES R WALLACE SOLICITORS	41	58	56	-2	-3
32	19	18	LEANNE	MCQUILLAN	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	33	52	56	4	8
13	14	19	SIMON G C	COLLINS	COLLINS AND CO; CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	77	61	50	-11	-18
-	-	20	MARCO	GUARINO	GUARINO & THOMSON	-	-	50	50	-
Top 20 Total						1,604	1,628	2,044	416	26
Previous Years' Top 20 Solicitor Advocates' Earnings						1,941	1,761	0	283	16
Total paid to all solicitor advocates						3,043	2,754	2,983	229	8

Note

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitor advocates between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017. 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