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

Position in						Total fees (inc VAT) in		Change on 2019-20		
2018-	2019	2020-				2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021		
2019	2020	2021	Forenames	Surname	Firm Name(s)	£000	£000	£000	£000	%
1	1	1	IAIN M	PATERSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	258	261	209	-52	-20
8	2	2	JOHN	KEENAN	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	110	140	129	-11	-8
10	9	3	RHONDA M	ANDERSON	BRUCE MCCORMACK	77	87	113	26	30
3	15	4	EWEN	ROY	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	128	78	96	18	23
11	5	5	MARCO	GUARINO	GUARINO & THOMSON	66	106	82	-25	-23
5	18	6	BRIAN G	GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	127	57	81	23	41
9	8	7	GORDON	MARTIN	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	80	87	74	-13	-15
6	10	8	KRISTA I	JOHNSTON	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	117	86	73	-13	-16
7	4	9	CHRISTOPHE	r fyffe	CHRIS FYFFE SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	111	116	68	-48	-42
-	23	10	IAIN	MCSPORRAN Q.C.	IAIN MCSPORRAN QC, SOLICITOR-ADVOCATE	-	38	59	21	55
74	21	11	JAMES D	KEEGAN Q.C.	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	2	44	58	13	30
19	19	12	SIMON G C	COLLINS	COLLINS AND CO; COLLINS AND CO DEFENCE LAWYERS	32	55	52	-3	-5
					LTD; CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS					
15	34	13	ANN	OGG	ANN OGG SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	47	22	49	28	128
14	14	14	SHAHID	LATIF	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	50	78	47	-31	-40
4	17	15	JOHN	SCOTT Q.C.	JOHN SCOTT QC	127	65	47	-18	-28
12	13	16	WILLIAM M	LAVELLE	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY	52	79	42	-38	-47
	_				LAVELLE LTD)					
26	12	17	JAMES P	STEPHENSON	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	23	81	39	-43	-52
30		18	SIMON	WHYTE	BELTRAMI & CO LTD	22	28	39	10	36
18		19	ROBERT	MITCHELL	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	33	120	38	-82	-68
22		20	GRAEME R	BROWN	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED; BRIDGE LITIGATION UK LTD	25	101	36	-65	-65
	·		Top 20 Total		5.12.52	1,487	1,732	1,429	-303	-17
						1,709	_	_		
			Previous Years' Top 20 Solicitor Advocates' Earnings				1,905	=	-476	-25

Note

This table shows the 20 higest-earning solicitor advocates between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021. 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.

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