

AUDITOR OF THE COURT OF SESSION

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, EDINBURGH, EH1 1RQ

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On the joint request of Faculty Services Ltd. on behalf of Mr. W. Gordon Jackson, Advocate, and his supporting Juniors, Mr. A.P. Campbell and Miss C.A.G. McNeill, Advocates, and of Scottish Legal Aid Board as administering Legal Aid (Scotland) the Auditor considered the Fee Notes presented and the whole documents made available by the Board. At a diet of taxation he heard submissions by Mr. Jackson in the interests of all three Counsel and by Mr. S. O'Connor, Head of Criminal Accounts with the Board. The Auditor now taxes at the following sums the whole fees payable to each of Counsel for their respective work in representing [REDACTED] on his being tried on indictment in the High Court of Justiciary, on which the trial proceeded in Glasgow on 30th April 1987 and following days. VAT will require to be paid in addition:

W. Gordon Jackson, Esq., Advocate work as set out in Fee Notes (2) dated 25th May 1987	£5020.00
A.P. Campbell, Esq., Advocate work as set out in Fee Note dated 25th May 1987	£2705.00
Miss C.A.G. McNeill, Advocate work as set out in Fee Note dated 25th May 1987	£ 175.00



EDINBURGH.

19th November 1987.

NOTE: Leading Counsel had no less than eleven consultations, three of them being whole-day meetings. Yet the Auditor has been satisfied that there was no over-indulgence in consultations as occasionally is found: all were necessary in the unusual circumstances of this case. It is at the same time clear that they contributed significantly to Counsel's preparation for the trial. It is noted that in this case, notwithstanding the mass of material made available to Counsel, /

**The Auditor** Evan H. Weir, W.S.  
**Principal Clerk** Janet P. Buck

/Counsel, Counsel quite properly make no claim for fees for preparation nor, again properly in the Auditor's view, do they make any claim outwith the daily fee for the trial for meetings with the client or the solicitors after the end of Court hours. In the Auditor's opinion, the many consultations and the daily rate claimed for the trial bring out in combination total fees which are excessive but only to a modest degree; and in a case like this the fees are so inter-related that they must be assessed as a whole. Simply to ensure that particular fees are not taken out of context for application to cases of greater or less supposed similarity, the Auditor's reported figures for the Counsel primarily engaged are totals only. The services of Junior Counsel providing temporary cover cannot be rated comparably.

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W.G. JACKSON, ADVOCATE

Scans  
Midway

Abated

		CLAIM	OFFER	
12/ 6/86	① CONSULTATION GLASGOW 1 hrs	£ 100.00	112.50	£ 100.00
22/ 7/86	② CONSULTATION GLASGOW Not in file	£ 100.00	112.50	£ 100.00
28/ 7/86	③ CONSULTATION GLASGOW 1/2 hr?	£ 100.00	112.50	£ 100.00
11/ 8/86	④ CONSULTATION GLASGOW 3/4 hrs	£ 100.00	112.50	£ 100.00
18/ 8/86	OPINION	£ 40.00		£ 40.00
14/11/86	⑤ CONSULTATION GLASGOW 1 hrs	£ 100.00	112.50	£ 100.00
5/ 1/87	⑥ CONSULTATION GLASGOW 1 hrs	£ 100.00	112.50	£ 100.00
20/ 3/87	⑦ CONSULTATION GLASGOW 1 hrs	£ 100.00	112.50	£ 100.00
5/ 4/87	⑧ CONSULTATION FULL DAY 8 hrs	£ 200.00	112.50	£ 150.00 £50
7? ② 4/87	⑨ CONSULTATION FULL DAY 5 hrs	£ 200.00	112.50	£ 150.00 £50
23/ 4/87	⑩ CONSULTATION FULL DAY 3 hrs	£ 100.00	112.50	£ 100.00
28/ 4/87	⑪ CONSULTATION FULL DAY 5 hrs	£ 200.00	112.50	£ 125.00 £75
29/ 4/87	WAITING DAY	£ 160.00	-	£ 160.00
30/ 4/87	TO 18/5/87 12 DAYS @ 330 PER DAY	£3960.00	233.25 p.d.	£3360.00 £600
		<u>£5560.00</u>		<u>4785.00</u> <u>£4545.00</u> £775

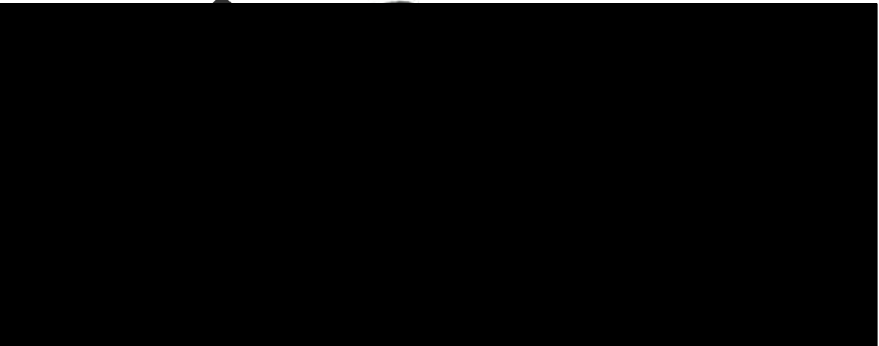
Scans	Con	TRIAL
SNR	131.50	258.00
JNR	93.50	208.50
M.a/way	112.50	232.25

Re CONSULTATIONS ABATED ON 5/04/87 2/04/87 + 28/04/87 1st 2 to £150 and the 3rd to £125.

TRIAL DAYS RESTRICTED TO £260 then up to £280 per day

SNR paid £300 in exceptional cases £325.  
LONGEST COMPLEXITY + DIFFICULTY.

paid to date 2689.00  
1654.00  
132.00



A.P. CAMPBELL, ADVOCATE

		<u>CLAIM</u>	<u>OFFER</u>
5/4/87	CONSULTATION GLASGOW 8 hrs	£ 140.00	2/3rd £ 100.00
7/4/87	CONSULTATION GLASGOW	£ 140.00	2/3rd. £ 100.00
15/4/87	CONSULTATION GLASGOW No sup. 6 hrs	£ 140.00	100.00 £ 100.00
28/4/87	CONSULTATION GLASGOW	£ 140.00	2/3rd £ 85.00
29/4/87	WAITING DAY NO OTHER WORK	£ 120.00	£ 107.00
4/4/87	- 18/5/87 TRIAL 11 DAYS AT £220.00 PER DAY EXCLUDING 14/5/87 JUNIOR TO W.G. JACKSON	£2420.00	£1907.00 £2052.00
		<u>£3100.00</u>	<u>£2399.00</u>

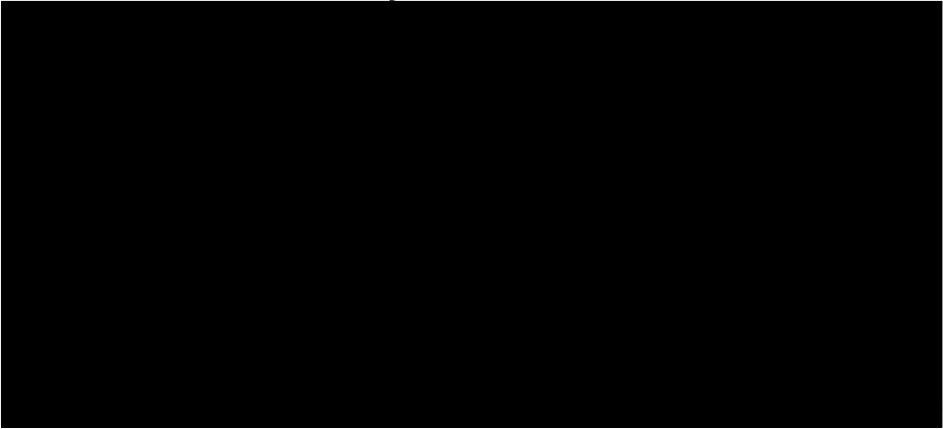
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Per day 2/3rd  
of 260

2/3rd.

MISS C.A.G. McNEILL, ADVOCATE

14/5/87	TRIAL GLASGOW HIGH COURT 1 DAY JUNIOR TO W.G. JACKSON	£ 220.00	£ 174.00
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2/3rd



H.M.A. v. [REDACTED]

W.G. JACKSON, ADVOCATE

		<u>CLAIM</u>	<u>OFFER</u>
12/ 6/86	CONSULTATION GLASGOW	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
22/ 7/86	CONSULTATION GLASGOW	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
28/ 7/86	CONSULTATION GLASGOW	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
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		<u>£5560.00</u>	<u>£4545.00</u>

H.M.A. v. JOHN F. CORRIGAN

A.P. CAMPBELL, ADVOCATE

		<u>CLAIM</u>	<u>OFFER</u>
5/4/87	CONSULTATION GLASGOW	£ 140.00	£ 100.00
7/4/87	CONSULTATION GLASGOW	£ 140.00	£ 100.00
15/4/87	CONSULTATION GLASGOW	£ 140.00	£ 100.00
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