

DECISION OF AUDITOR – COUNSELS' FEES – CRIMINAL

DATE OF DECISION	07.06.90
NAME OF CASE	HMA –V- [REDACTED] TF
CASE TYPE	VAT Fraud, Sheriff & Jury, Glasgow Sheriff Court
AUDITOR	Angus McDougall, Glasgow Sheriff Court
COUNSEL/SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	Leading JC
AMOUNT(S) AWARDED	£223 per day – conduct of trial £170 per day – preparation
FEATURES	<p>Trial commenced on 15.05.89. Trial lasted 11 days.</p> <p>48 volumes of documentary productions including invoices and other financial documents requiring detailed examination and cross-referencing.</p> <p>Many detailed notes and annotations on the indictment itself required to be made.</p> <p>7 Minutes of Admissions were granted during the trial cutting court time by many days.</p> <p>Auditor states that the inordinate number of Crown productions was an extraordinary feature of the case. They required careful perusal, consideration and analysis and justified a separate preparation fee.</p> <p>NB: Counsel took a Note of Objections re this decision which was heard in Glasgow Sheriff Court on 02.08.90 – Sheriff repelled counsel's motion and upheld the Auditor's decision.</p>