

DECISION OF AUDITOR – COUNSELS' FEES – CRIMINAL

DATE OF DECISION	10.01.94
NAME OF CASE	HMA –V- [REDACTED] DP
CASE TYPE	Supply of Drugs, Assault to severe injury and permanent disfigurement and extortion – Airdrie High Court
AUDITOR	J Haldane Tait, Court of Session
COUNSEL/SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	SC
AMOUNT(S) AWARDED	£600 per day – conduct of trial £377.50 per day – opposing/seeking adjournments £650 for 16 hrs of pre-trial preparation (i.e. approx. £40 per hour) £100 for Joint Note to Board for sanction request
FEATURES	<p>Trial commenced on 12.05.93. Lasted 14 days.</p> <p>Indictment contained 30 charges covering five accused.</p> <p>Accused was an extraordinarily demanding client giving voluminous instructions prior to and during trial increasing counsel's work considerably.</p> <p>Auditor stated case complex and demanding and he was satisfied that a separate preparation fee in addition to an enhanced daily rate was appropriate.</p>