

DECISION OF AUDITOR – COUNSELS' FEES – CRIMINAL

DATE OF DECISION	25.04.96 H W
NAME OF CASE	HMA -V- [REDACTED]
CASE TYPE	Murder – High Court, Edinburgh
AUDITOR	J Haldane Tait, Court of Session
COUNSEL/SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	SC
AMOUNT(S) AWARDED	£650 per day – conduct of trial £200 Locus inspection £250 consultation fees (x5) £150 consultation fee (x1)
FEATURES	<p>Trial commenced on 04.05.93 and lasted 8 days. Concluded on 11.05.93.</p> <p>Trial involved murder of 9 year old boy by alleged strangulation and drowning. Other offences included wilful fire raising in a residential home and hoax calls to the emergency services.</p> <p>Highly complicated medical evidence regarding circumstances and cause of death – death occurred 3 days after arrival to hospital.</p> <p>Severe mental health difficulties of the accused.</p> <p>A number of expert witnesses and reports were involved.</p> <p>No separate preparation fee was claimed by counsel.</p>