

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

Note

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitor advocates between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022. 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.

Position in						Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2020-21	
2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Forenames	Surname	Firm Name(s)	2019-2020 £000	2020-2021 £000	2021-2022 £000	£000	%
1	1	1	IAIN M	PATERSON	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	261	209	395	186	89
23	10	2	IAIN	MCSPORRAN K.C.	IAIN MCSPORRAN KC, SOLICITOR-ADVOCATE	38	59	350	291	491
10	8	3	KRISTA I	JOHNSTON	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	86	73	157	84	115
15	4	4	EWEN	ROY	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	78	96	146	51	53
20	36	5	KRISTOFER	GILMARTIN	KRIS GILMARTIN SOLICITOR ADVOCATE LTD; NORRIE & GILMARTIN SOLICITOR ADVOCATE LTD; GILMARTIN FINLAY MACRAE (Formerly FINLAY MACRAE GILMARTIN WARDEN)	52	11	144	133	over 1000
6	20	6	GRAEME R	BROWN	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD); BRIDGE LITIGATION UK LTD	101	36	139	103	290
5	5	7	MARCO	GUARINO	GUARINO & THOMSON	106	82	124	43	52
8	7	8	GORDON	MARTIN	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	87	74	120	46	61
9	3	9	RHONDA M	ANDERSON	BRUCE MCCORMACK	87	113	111	-2	-2
17	15	10	JOHN	SCOTT K.C.	JOHN SCOTT KC	65	47	108	62	132
18	6	11	BRIAN G	GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	57	81	108	27	34
21	11	12	JAMES D	KEEGAN K.C.	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC; KEEGAN SMITH SSC SOLICITORS	44	58	92	34	58
14	14	13	SHAHID	LATIF	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	78	47	86	39	82
34	13	14	ANN	OGG	ANN OGG SOLICITOR ADVOCATE	22	49	82	33	67
3	19	15	ROBERT	MITCHELL	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	120	38	74	36	95
12	17	16	JAMES P	STEPHENSON	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	81	39	73	34	89
57	31	17	PAUL	MULLEN	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	4	14	71	57	405
13	16	18	WILLIAM M	LAVELLE	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD)	79	42	58	16	38
19	12	19	SIMON G C	COLLINS	COLLINS AND CO DEFENCE LAWYERS LTD; COLLINS AND CO	55	52	57	5	9
2	2	20	JOHN	KEENAN	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	140	129	55	-74	-57
Top 20 Total						1,644	1,348	2,551	1,202	89
Previous Years' Top 20 Solicitor Advocates' Earnings						1,905	1,429	-	1,121	78