

Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison

**Notes**

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 by the legal assistance fees paid to them. The fees paid to the same 20 firms in the last two financial years are also shown. Fees paid comprise solicitor and solicitor-advocates fees. The list of highest earning firms will change each year. Therefore, there is also a like for like comparison made with the earnings of the top 20 firms in each year. Payments include electronic payments transferred to the firms' bank accounts between those dates. In some cases, payments may have been returned to us, and any such amounts put through our accounts system between those dates have been deducted. Values are rounded to the nearest £1000.

Where applicable monies paid back to SLAB in respect of audit restitution have been deducted in calculating the legal assistance fees shown.

Position in			Firm Name	Location of head office	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2023-24	
2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025			2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	£000	%
2023	2024	2025			£000	£000	£000	£000	%
6	4	1	SINGH & HUSSAIN LTD T/A MAGUIRE SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,336	1,548	2,000	452	29
9	6	2	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	1,248	1,506	1,986	480	32
3	3	3	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	1,462	1,789	1,887	98	5
5	5	4	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	1,431	1,519	1,712	193	13
-	90	5	BRUCE JACKSON LTD T/A BRUCE JACKSON THE LAWYERS	MOTHERWELL	-	365	1,693	1,327	363
2	2	6	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,715	1,801	1,681	-120	-7
11	7	7	THOMPSON FAMILY LAW SOLICITOR	GLASGOW	982	1,474	1,636	162	11
13	8	8	PAISLEY DEFENCE LAWYERS (SCOTLAND) LTD T/A MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	888	1,356	1,596	239	18
8	9	9	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	1,279	1,309	1,564	254	19
12	11	10	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD)	GLASGOW	937	1,223	1,457	234	19
7	12	11	ORMISTONS LAW PRACTICE LIMITED	GLENROTHES	1,310	1,104	1,216	111	10
15	15	12	WARDLAW STEPHENSON ALLAN T/A WSA PARTNERSHIP	EDINBURGH	817	958	1,209	251	26
19	16	13	RUTHERFORD SHERIDAN LTD	GLASGOW	758	940	1,149	209	22
28	10	14	DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	602	1,249	1,119	-130	-10
14	14	15	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	PAISLEY	823	1,011	1,077	66	7
35	19	16	THE ROBERT KERR PARTNERSHIP	PAISLEY	539	874	1,063	189	22
17	18	17	KATANI & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	798	877	1,042	165	19
16	24	18	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	INVERNESS	802	782	1,019	236	30
25	23	19	CARTYS	HAMILTON	677	788	1,014	226	29
1	1	20	BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	1,945	2,021	980	-1,041	-52
<b>Top 20 total</b>					<b>20,349</b>	<b>24,495</b>	<b>28,099</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings</b>					<b>22,629</b>	<b>25,351</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>11</b>