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Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison

Notes

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 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, money may have been paid, but returned to us, and any such amounts processed by our accounts system between those dates have been deducted. Values are rounded to the nearest £1000.

Monies paid back to SLAB in respect of audit restitution have not been deducted in calculating the legal assistance fees.

Position in					Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2024-25	
2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Firm Name	Location of head office	2023-2024 £000	2024-2025 £000	2025-2026 £000	£000	%
4	1	1	SINGH & HUSSAIN LTD T/A MAGUIRE SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,548	2,000	2,416	415	21
90	5	2	BRUCE JACKSON LTD T/A BRUCE JACKSON THE LAWYERS	MOTHERWELL	365	1,693	2,360	667	39
7	7	3	THOMPSON FAMILY LAW SOLICITOR	GLASGOW	1,474	1,636	1,812	176	11
3	3	4	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	1,789	1,890	1,767	-123	-7
6	2	5	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	1,508	1,988	1,756	-231	-12
2	6	6	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,801	1,681	1,680	-1	0
5	4	7	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	1,522	1,714	1,559	-155	-9
9	9	8	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	1,312	1,565	1,513	-52	-3
8	8	9	PAISLEY DEFENCE LAWYERS (SCOTLAND) LTD T/A MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	1,356	1,597	1,463	-134	-8
78	21	10	THE GLASGOW LAW PRACTICE LTD	GLASGOW	392	953	1,395	442	46
11	10	11	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD)	GLASGOW	1,223	1,460	1,362	-98	-7
12	11	12	ORMISTONS LAW PRACTICE LIMITED	GLENROTHES	1,104	1,216	1,341	125	10
15	12	13	WARDLAW STEPHENSON ALLAN T/A WSA PARTNERSHIP	EDINBURGH	960	1,212	1,180	-32	-3
16	13	14	RUTHERFORD SHERIDAN LTD	GLASGOW	940	1,149	1,058	-91	-8
18	17	15	KATANI & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	877	1,042	1,037	-5	0
26	28	16	MCGLASHAN MACKAY SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	737	851	984	133	16
96	30	17	DOUGLAS WRIGHT SOLICITOR	KILMARNOCK	355	839	979	140	17
10	14	18	DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	1,249	1,119	941	-178	-16
14	15	19	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	PAISLEY	1,014	1,081	934	-146	-14
24	18	20	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	INVERNESS	783	1,019	921	-98	-10
			Top 20 total		**22,308**	**27,704**	**28,457**	**754**	**3**
			Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings		25,351	28,099	-	358	1