

Scottish Legal Aid Board Report 2014-2015
Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison



Position in			Firm name	Location of head office	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2013-14	
2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013			2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	£	%
1	1	1	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£1,934,900	£1,932,100	£2,090,200	£2,900	0%
2	2	3	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	£1,420,700	£1,506,300	£1,306,300	-£85,600	-6%
3	5	6	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	£1,395,800	£1,365,900	£1,256,100	£29,900	2%
4	7	5	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	£1,358,100	£1,230,100	£1,265,700	£128,000	10%
5	6	7	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	£1,330,600	£1,248,800	£1,232,500	£81,900	7%
6	4	2	TURNBULL MCCARRON LIMITED	GLASGOW	£1,211,300	£1,425,100	£1,436,100	-£213,700	-15%
7	8	12	BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	£1,195,800	£1,177,800	£962,900	£18,000	2%
8	3	4	DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	£1,064,300	£1,457,400	£1,303,800	-£393,100	-27%
9	12	8	J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£1,028,900	£1,024,900	£1,081,800	£4,100	0%
10	11	9	MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	£1,002,400	£1,061,400	£1,069,700	-£59,000	-6%
11	22	23	BROWN & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£948,000	£776,700	£740,800	£171,400	22%
12	51	322	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£941,700	£498,100	£95,000	£443,600	89%
13	9	10	BRUCE SHORT & CO SOLICITORS	DUNDEE	£899,900	£1,095,200	£1,026,700	-£195,300	-18%
14	19	17	BRIDGE LITIGATION UK LTD	GLASGOW	£851,100	£833,400	£851,000	£17,700	2%
15	21	32	BEAUMONT & CO SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	£833,000	£788,600	£632,300	£44,400	6%
16	15	13	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	EDINBURGH	£828,200	£933,100	£949,100	-£104,900	-11%
17	17	16	GALLEN AND COMPANY LIMITED	GLASGOW	£810,700	£897,300	£879,800	-£86,600	-10%
18	16	14	PENMANS SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£755,700	£924,600	£915,200	-£168,900	-18%
19	23	19	CARTYS	HAMILTON	£746,800	£752,200	£821,900	-£5,400	-1%
20	26	20	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	£745,900	£703,700	£800,800	£42,200	6%
Top 20 Total					£21,304,200	£21,632,600	£20,717,600	-£328,400	-2%
Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings					-	£22,773,700	£21,997,700	-£1,469,500	-6%
Total paid to all firms					£110,618,400	£121,163,200	£119,499,800	-£10,544,800	-9%

Note

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 by the legal assistance fees paid to them. The fees paid to the same 20 firms in the two previous financial years are also shown. 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 and cheques dated 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. Amounts are rounded to