Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2020-2021



Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison

Po	sition in				Total fe	ees (inc VAT) in		Change on 2019-20	
2018- 2019	2019- 2020		Firm Name	Location of head office	2018- 2019 £000	2019- 2020 £000	2020- 2021 £000	£000	%
2	1	1	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,558	1,933	1,560	-373	-19
3	4	2	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,442	1,413	1,531	118	8
6	5	3	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	1,245	1,379	1,229	-150	-11
4	3	4	BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	1,379	1,436	1,222	-214	-15
1	2	5	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	1,592	1,505	1,136	-369	-25
5	6	6	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	1,283	1,195	988	-207	-17
12	10	7	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	EDINBURGH	766	865	896	31	4
142	34	8	MORNA GRANDISON AS JUDICIAL FACTOR FOR FREW & CO SOLICITORS	-	233	478	876	398	83
73	31	9	SINGH & HUSSAIN LTD T/A MAGUIRE SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	326	541	828	287	53
7	7	10	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	1,091	1,171	823	-348	-30
11	22	11	KATANI & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	784	678	685	7	1
18	100	12	BALFOUR & MANSON SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	699	299	682	384	129
23	23	13	MCGLASHAN MACKAY SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	606	664	641	-23	-3
24	26	14	ORMISTONS LAW PRACTICE LIMITED	GLENROTHES	589	627	627	-1	0
20	18	15	MTM DEFENCE LAWYERS LIMITED	FALKIRK	655	710	599	-111	-16
16	16	16	J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	721	734	577	-158	-21
-	77	17	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD)	GLASGOW	-	337	568	231	69
62	40	18	THOMPSON FAMILY LAW SOLICITOR	GLASGOW	355	455	563	108	24
29	9	19	PAISLEY DEFENCE LAWYERS (SCOTLAND) LTD T/A MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	532	888	560	-328	-37
10	17	20	DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	858	730	552	-178	-24
			Top 20 total		16,713	18,038	17,143	-895	-5
			Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings		19,517	20,213		-3,070	-15

Note

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 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 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. Values are rounded to the nearest £1000.