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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 2022 and 31 March 2023 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					Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2021-22	
2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Firm Name	Location of head office	2020-2021 £000	2021-2022 £000	2022-2023 £000	£000	%
4	4	1	BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	1,222	1,275	1,945	670	53
1	2	2	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,560	1,358	1,715	356	26
3	3	3	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	1,229	1,286	1,462	176	14
2	6	4	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,531	1,205	1,461	256	21
5	5	5	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	1,136	1,237	1,431	194	16
9	1	6	SINGH & HUSSAIN LTD T/A MAGUIRE SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	828	1,468	1,336	-132	-9
14	7	7	ORMISTONS LAW PRACTICE LIMITED	GLENROTHES	627	1,081	1,310	229	21
10	8	8	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	823	1,031	1,279	248	24
6	10	9	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	988	1,011	1,248	237	23
7	9	10	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	EDINBURGH	896	1,019	1,146	127	12
18	25	11	THOMPSON FAMILY LAW SOLICITOR	GLASGOW	563	563	982	419	74
17	19	12	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD)	GLASGOW	568	622	937	316	51
19	15	13	PAISLEY DEFENCE LAWYERS (SCOTLAND) LTD T/A MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	560	667	888	221	33
33	13	14	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	PAISLEY	446	674	823	149	22
24	11	15	WARDLAW STEPHENSON ALLAN T/A WSA PARTNERSHIP	EDINBURGH	536	762	817	55	7
25	21	16	CRAIG WOOD SOLICITORS	INVERNESS	528	604	802	198	33
11	14	17	KATANI & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	685	672	798	126	19
16	20	18	J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	577	620	771	151	24
31	24	19	RUTHERFORD SHERIDAN LTD	GLASGOW	479	568	758	189	33
79	37	20	MOIR AND SWEENEY LITIGATION	GLASGOW	255	440	720	281	64
			Top 20 total		**16,036**	**18,162**	**22,629**	**4,467**	**25**
			Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings		17,143	18,694	-	3,935	21