

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2017-2018  
Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison



Position in			Firm Name	Location of head office	Total fees (inc VAT)			Change on 2016-17	
2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018			2015-2016 £000	2016-2017 £000	2017-2018 £000	£	%
1	1	1	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,693	1,924	1,762	-162	-8
7	4	2	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,199	1,390	1,647	257	18
2	2	3	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	1,535	1,764	1,550	-214	-12
4	5	4	BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	1,328	1,345	1,340	-4	0
3	3	5	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	1,409	1,489	1,255	-234	-16
6	7	6	TURNBULL MCCARRON LIMITED	GLASGOW	1,230	1,231	1,193	-37	-3
10	6	7	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	1,104	1,259	1,166	-93	-7
5	10	8	DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	1,307	1,048	1,118	70	7
9	8	9	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	1,130	1,168	1,113	-55	-5
8	9	10	PAISLEY DEFENCE LAWYERS LTD T/A MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	1,145	1,085	1,092	7	1
12	12	11	GALLEN AND COMPANY LIMITED	GLASGOW	926	869	948	80	9
18	16	12	KATANI & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	766	773	896	124	16
22	15	13	PENMANS SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	698	773	747	-26	-3
11	13	14	J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	966	840	740	-100	-12
14	14	15	BRUCE SHORT & CO SOLICITORS	DUNDEE	831	777	735	-41	-5
17	22	16	BRIDGE LITIGATION UK LTD	GLASGOW	771	686	704	18	3
13	26	17	BROWN & CO LEGAL LLP	GLASGOW	891	621	687	66	11
21	23	18	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	EDINBURGH	730	672	680	7	1
25	32	19	BEAUMONT & CO SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	655	578	664	87	15
45	28	20	BALFOUR & MANSON SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	468	601	626	26	4
<b>Top 20 total</b>					<b>20,781</b>	<b>20,891</b>	<b>20,666</b>	<b>-226</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings</b>					<b>21,303</b>	<b>21,463</b>		<b>-797</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>Total paid to all firms</b>					<b>107,349</b>	<b>105,141</b>	<b>97,011</b>	<b>-8,130</b>	<b>-8</b>

**Note**

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018 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. 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.