

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2018-2019
Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison



Position in			Location of head office	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2017-18	
2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019 Firm Name		2016-2017 £000	2017-2018 £000	2018-2019 £000	£	%
2	3	1 MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	1,764	1,550	1,592	42	3
4	2	2 LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,390	1,647	1,558	-89	-5
1	1	3 LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,924	1,762	1,442	-321	-18
5	4	4 BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	1,345	1,340	1,379	39	3
3	5	5 ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	1,489	1,255	1,283	28	2
6	7	6 PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	1,259	1,166	1,245	79	7
8	9	7 GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	1,168	1,113	1,091	-22	-2
7	6	8 TURNBULL MCCARRON LIMITED	GLASGOW	1,231	1,193	973	-220	-18
12	11	9 GALLEN AND COMPANY LIMITED	GLASGOW	869	948	876	-72	-8
10	8	10 DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	1,048	1,118	858	-260	-23
16	12	11 KATANI & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	773	896	784	-112	-13
23	18	12 THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	EDINBURGH	672	680	766	86	13
14	15	13 BRUCE SHORT & CO SOLICITORS	DUNDEE	777	735	755	20	3
31	23	14 WARDLAW STEPHENSON ALLAN T/A WSA PARTNERSHIP	EDINBURGH	585	601	742	141	24
22	16	15 BRIDGE LITIGATION UK LTD	GLASGOW	686	704	729	25	4
13	14	16 J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	840	740	721	-19	-3
18	22	17 CARTYS	HAMILTON	712	614	707	94	15
28	20	18 BALFOUR & MANSON SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	601	626	699	72	12
26	17	19 BROWN & CO LEGAL LLP	GLASGOW	621	687	662	-25	-4
36	30	20 MTM DEFENCE LAWYERS LIMITED	FALKIRK	546	521	655	134	26
Top 20 total				20,298	19,897	19,517	-380	-2
Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings				21,463	20,666		-1,148	-6
Total paid to all firms				105,141	97,011	95,494	-1,517	-2

Note

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 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.