

Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison

Position in			Firm Name	Location of head office	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2018-19	
2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020			2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	£000	%
2	2	1	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,647	1,558	1,933	375	24
3	1	2	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	1,550	1,592	1,505	-87	-5
4	4	3	BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	1,340	1,379	1,436	56	4
1	3	4	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,762	1,442	1,413	-29	-2
7	6	5	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	1,166	1,245	1,379	134	11
5	5	6	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	1,255	1,283	1,195	-88	-7
9	7	7	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	1,113	1,091	1,171	80	7
6	8	8	TURNBULL MCCARRON LIMITED	GLASGOW	1,193	973	996	24	2
-	29	9	PAISLEY DEFENCE LAWYERS (SCOTLAND) LTD T/A MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	-	532	888	356	67
18	12	10	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	EDINBURGH	680	766	865	100	13
11	9	11	GALLEN AND COMPANY LIMITED	GLASGOW	948	876	814	-63	-7
15	13	12	BRUCE SHORT & CO SOLICITORS	DUNDEE	735	755	768	12	2
-	140	13	LOUGHRAN & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	-	238	767	529	222
21	22	14	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	PAISLEY	619	623	762	139	22
23	14	15	WARDLAW STEPHENSON ALLAN T/A WSA PARTNERSHIP	EDINBURGH	601	742	757	15	2
14	16	16	J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	740	721	734	13	2
8	10	17	DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	1,118	858	730	-128	-15
30	20	18	MTM DEFENCE LAWYERS LIMITED	FALKIRK	521	655	710	55	8
22	17	19	CARTYS	HAMILTON	614	707	698	-9	-1
24	21	20	BRAZENALL AND ORR SOLICITORS	DUMFRIES	600	645	692	47	7
<b>Top 20 Total Paid</b>					<b>18,202</b>	<b>18,681</b>	<b>20,213</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Previous Years' Top 20 Total Paid</b>					<b>20,666</b>	<b>19,517</b>		<b>695</b>	<b>4</b>

**Note**

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020 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.