

Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison

**Notes**

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 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.

Where applicable monies paid back to SLAB in respect of audit restitution have been deducted in calculating the legal assistance fees shown.

Position in			Firm Name	Location of head office	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2020-21	
2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022			2019-2020 £000	2020-2021 £000	2021-2022 £000	£000	%
31	9	1	SINGH & HUSSAIN LTD T/A MAGUIRE SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	541	828	1,468	639	77
1	1	2	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,933	1,560	1,358	-201	-13
5	3	3	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	1,379	1,229	1,286	57	5
3	4	4	BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	1,436	1,222	1,275	53	4
2	5	5	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	1,505	1,136	1,237	101	9
4	2	6	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,413	1,531	1,205	-326	-21
26	14	7	ORMISTONS LAW PRACTICE LIMITED	GLENROTHES	627	627	1,081	454	73
7	10	8	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	1,171	823	1,031	208	25
10	7	9	THORLEY STEPHENSON SSC	EDINBURGH	865	896	1,019	123	14
6	6	10	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	1,195	988	1,011	22	2
15	24	11	WARDLAW STEPHENSON ALLAN T/A WSA PARTNERSHIP	EDINBURGH	757	536	762	226	42
100	12	12	BALFOUR & MANSON SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	299	682	755	73	11
14	33	13	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	PAISLEY	762	446	674	228	51
22	11	14	KATANI & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	678	685	672	-14	-2
9	19	15	PAISLEY DEFENCE LAWYERS (SCOTLAND) LTD T/A MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	888	560	667	107	19
20	23	16	BRAZENALL AND ORR SOLICITORS	DUMFRIES	692	547	662	115	21
23	13	17	MCGLASHAN MACKAY SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	664	641	656	15	2
18	15	18	MTM DEFENCE LAWYERS LIMITED	FALKIRK	710	599	634	35	6
77	17	19	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD)	GLASGOW	337	568	622	54	9
16	16	20	J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	734	577	620	44	8
<b>Top 20 total</b>					<b>18,585</b>	<b>16,680</b>	<b>18,694</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings</b>					<b>20,213</b>	<b>17,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>9</b>