

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2015-2016  
Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison



2015-2016	Position in			Firm Name	Location of head office	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2014-15	
	2014-2015	2013-2014				2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	£	%
1	1	1	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£1,693,000	£1,935,000	£1,932,000	£-242,000	-13%	
2	3	5	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	£1,535,000	£1,396,000	£1,366,000	£140,000	10%	
3	2	2	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	£1,409,000	£1,421,000	£1,506,000	£-11,000	-1%	
4	7	8	BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	£1,328,000	£1,196,000	£1,178,000	£132,000	11%	
5	8	3	DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	£1,307,000	£1,064,000	£1,457,000	£242,000	23%	
6	6	4	TURNBULL MCCARRON LIMITED	GLASGOW	£1,230,000	£1,211,000	£1,425,000	£18,000	2%	
7	12	51	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£1,199,000	£942,000	£498,000	£257,000	27%	
8	10	11	PAISLEY DEFENCE LAWYERS LTD T/A MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	£1,145,000	£1,002,000	£1,061,000	£143,000	14%	
9	4	7	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	£1,130,000	£1,358,000	£1,230,000	£-228,000	-17%	
10	5	6	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	£1,104,000	£1,331,000	£1,249,000	£-227,000	-17%	
11	9	12	J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£966,000	£1,029,000	£1,025,000	£-63,000	-6%	
12	17	17	GALLEN AND COMPANY LIMITED	GLASGOW	£926,000	£811,000	£897,000	£115,000	14%	
13	11	22	BROWN & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£891,000	£948,000	£777,000	£-57,000	-6%	
14	13	9	BRUCE SHORT & CO SOLICITORS	DUNDEE	£831,000	£900,000	£1,095,000	£-69,000	-8%	
15	24	29	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	PAISLEY	£797,000	£659,000	£681,000	£139,000	21%	
16	20	26	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	£791,000	£746,000	£704,000	£45,000	6%	
17	14	19	BRIDGE LITIGATION UK LTD	GLASGOW	£771,000	£851,000	£833,000	£-80,000	-9%	
18	35	33	KATANI & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	£766,000	£562,000	£662,000	£204,000	36%	
19	23	30	BRAZENALL AND ORR SOLICITORS	DUMFRIES	£747,000	£663,000	£680,000	£84,000	13%	
20	16	15	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	EDINBURGH	£737,000	£828,000	£933,000	£-91,000	-11%	
<b>Top 20 total</b>					<b>£21,303,000</b>	<b>£20,852,000</b>	<b>£21,191,000</b>	<b>£450,000</b>	<b>2%</b>	
<b>Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings</b>						<b>£21,304,000</b>	<b>£22,774,000</b>	<b>£-1,000</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<b>Total paid to all firms</b>					<b>£107,349,000</b>	<b>£110,618,000</b>	<b>£121,163,000</b>	<b>£-3,269,000</b>	<b>-3%</b>	

**Note**

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 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