

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2016-2017  
Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison



Position in			Firm Name	Location of head office	Total fees (inc VAT) in			Change on 2015-16	
2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017			2014-2015 £000	2015-2016 £000	2016-2017 £000	£	%
1	1	1	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,935	1,693	1,924	231	14
3	2	2	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	1,396	1,535	1,764	229	15
2	3	3	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	1,421	1,409	1,489	80	6
12	7	4	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	942	1,199	1,390	191	16
7	4	5	BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	1,196	1,328	1,345	17	1
5	10	6	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	1,331	1,104	1,259	155	14
6	6	7	TURNBULL MCCARRON LIMITED	GLASGOW	1,211	1,230	1,231	1	0
4	9	8	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	1,358	1,130	1,168	37	3
10	8	9	PAISLEY DEFENCE LAWYERS LTD T/A MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	1,002	1,145	1,085	-60	-5
8	5	10	DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	1,064	1,307	1,048	-258	-20
43	30	11	FINNIESTON FRANCHI & MCWILLIAMS (INC B J LANIGAN & CO)	GLASGOW	520	611	890	280	46
17	12	12	GALLEN AND COMPANY LIMITED	GLASGOW	811	926	869	-57	-6
9	11	13	J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,029	966	840	-126	-13
13	14	14	BRUCE SHORT & CO SOLICITORS	DUNDEE	900	831	777	-55	-7
18	22	15	PENMANS SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	756	698	773	75	11
35	18	16	KATANI & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	562	766	773	7	1
23	19	17	BRAZENALL AND ORR SOLICITORS	DUMFRIES	663	747	729	-18	-2
19	23	18	CARTYS	HAMILTON	747	670	712	41	6
40	29	19	FRANK IRVINE SOLICITORS LTD	GLASGOW	542	611	700	89	15
24	15	20	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	PAISLEY	659	797	698	-99	-12
<b>Top 20 total</b>					<b>20,044</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>21,463</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings</b>					<b>21,304</b>	<b>21,303</b>		<b>160</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total paid to all firms</b>					<b>110,618</b>	<b>107,349</b>	<b>105,141</b>	<b>-2,208</b>	<b>-2</b>

**Note**

This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017 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.