

Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2023-2024 - Legal assistance fees paid to firms - top 20 comparison

**Notes**  
 This table shows the 20 highest-earning solicitors' firms between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 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 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 2022-23	
2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024			2021-2022 £000	2022-2023 £000	2023-2024 £000	£000	%
4	1	1	BRUCE MCCORMACK	MOTHERWELL	1,275	1,945	2,021	76	4
2	2	2	LATTA & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,358	1,715	1,801	86	5
3	3	3	PATERSON BELL SOLICITORS	KIRKCALDY	1,286	1,462	1,789	327	22
1	6	4	SINGH & HUSSAIN LTD T/A MAGUIRE SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,468	1,336	1,548	212	16
5	5	5	MARTIN, JOHNSTON & SOCHA LTD SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	1,237	1,431	1,519	88	6
10	9	6	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	1,011	1,248	1,506	258	21
25	11	7	THOMPSON FAMILY LAW SOLICITOR	GLASGOW	563	982	1,474	491	50
15	13	8	PAISLEY DEFENCE LAWYERS (SCOTLAND) LTD T/A MCCUSKER MCELROY & GALLANAGH	JOHNSTONE	667	888	1,356	469	53
8	8	9	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	1,031	1,279	1,309	30	2
26	28	10	DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	540	602	1,249	647	107
19	12	11	BRIDGE LEGAL LIMITED (FORMERLY BRIDGE BENTLEY LAVELLE LTD)	GLASGOW	622	937	1,223	285	30
7	7	12	ORMISTONS LAW PRACTICE LIMITED	GLENROTHES	1,081	1,310	1,104	-206	-16
6	4	13	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	1,205	1,461	1,012	-448	-31
13	14	14	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	PAISLEY	674	823	1,011	188	23
11	15	15	WARDLAW STEPHENSON ALLAN T/A WSA PARTNERSHIP	EDINBURGH	762	817	958	142	17
24	19	16	RUTHERFORD SHERIDAN LTD	GLASGOW	568	758	940	182	24
37	20	17	MOIR AND SWEENEY LITIGATION	GLASGOW	440	720	920	199	28
14	17	18	KATANI & CO LIMITED	GLASGOW	672	798	877	79	10
38	35	19	THE ROBERT KERR PARTNERSHIP	PAISLEY	435	539	874	335	62
20	18	20	J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	620	771	860	89	11
<b>Top 20 total</b>					<b>17,514</b>	<b>21,822</b>	<b>25,351</b>	<b>3,529</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Previous Years' Top 20 Firms' Earnings</b>					18,694	22,629	-	2,722	12