

Legal aid payments made to firms of solicitors 2007-2008 – comparisons with previous years

2007-2008 Position	2006-2007 Position	2005-2006 Position	Name of firm of solicitors	Location of head office	2007-2008 Total fees incl VAT	2006-2007 Total fees incl VAT	2005-2006 Total fees incl VAT	last year amount change	% change last year
1	2	3	LIVINGSTONE BROWN SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£1,931,600	£1,672,900	£1,647,400	£258,700	15%
2	1	1	ROSS HARPER SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£1,883,600	£1,732,900	£1,804,400	£150,700	9%
3	3	3	BRUCE SHORT & CO SOLICITORS	DUNDEE	£1,605,000	£1,634,400	£1,558,700	-£29,400	-2%
4	6	9	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	EDINBURGH	£1,521,800	£1,307,400	£1,161,500	£214,400	16%
5	4	5	GEORGE MATHERS & CO SOLICITORS	ABERDEEN	£1,405,600	£1,438,900	£1,233,700	-£33,300	-2%
6	8	7	TURNBULL MCCARRON SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£1,387,600	£1,244,600	£1,219,400	£143,000	11%
7	5	4	MCCUSKER MCELROY & C	JOHNSTONE	£1,203,100	£1,343,400	£1,251,700	-£140,300	-10%
8	7	12	PATERSON BELL LIMITED	KIRKCALDY	£1,148,700	£1,249,500	£1,011,300	-£100,800	-8%
9	13	10	J C HUGHES & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£1,137,100	£992,300	£1,102,000	£144,800	15%
10	11	11	MARTIN JOHNSTON & SOCHA SOLICITORS	DUNFERMLINE	£1,108,400	£1,062,600	£1,036,900	£45,800	4%
11	19	16	ROBERTSON & ROSS SOLICITORS	PAISLEY	£1,069,300	£832,800	£806,800	£236,500	28%
12	12	19	BRUCE & CO SOLICITORS	ARBROATH	£1,009,500	£1,018,100	£766,100	-£8,600	-1%
13	22	15	HAMILTON BURNS & COMPANY SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£975,100	£816,600	£872,300	£158,500	19%
14	9	6	DRUMMOND MILLER LLP	EDINBURGH	£969,200	£1,219,500	£1,222,100	-£250,300	-21%
15	15	14	GALLEN & CO SOLICITORS	GLASGOW	£944,300	£889,300	£928,100	£55,000	6%
16	14	22	MCLENNAN ADAM DAVIS SOLICITORS	AYR	£940,900	£902,200	£755,200	£38,700	4%
17	40	27	TOD & MITCHELL SOLICITORS	PAISLEY	£935,300	£620,200	£740,600	£315,100	51%
18	16	13	CAIRNS BROWN SOLICITORS	ALEXANDRIA	£906,800	£869,700	£951,800	£37,100	4%
19	21	18	MUIR MYLES LAVERTY SOLICITORS	DUNDEE	£871,400	£829,000	£790,300	£42,400	5%
20	17	24	MTM DEFENCE LAWYERS LIMITED	FALKIRK	£866,700	£860,700	£749,800	£6,000	1%
Top 20 total					£23,821,000	£22,536,900	£21,610,200	£1,284,100	6%
Total paid to solicitors					£128,071,500	£124,555,700	£125,087,900	£3,515,800	3%

Notes:

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Legal aid payments made to advocates – comparative figures

2007-2008 Position	2006-2007 Position	2005-2004 Position	Advocate's Name	2007-2008 Total fees incl VAT	2006-2007 Total fees incl VAT	2005-2006 Total fees incl VAT	last year amount change	% change last year	last 5 years amount change	% change last 5 years
1	1	1	DONALD R FINDLAY QC	£369,300	£358,400	£361,800	£10,900	3%	£64,100	21%
2	15	6	ANTHONY J GRAHAM	£316,500	£179,300	£229,600	£137,200	77%	£131,400	71%
3	6	2	GORDON JACKSON QC	£304,200	£228,500	£298,200	£75,700	33%	£60,700	25%
4	11	41	HERBERT A KERRIGAN QC	£276,200	£196,500	£114,700	£79,700	41%	£121,800	79%
5	9	11	RONALDO RENUCCI	£244,200	£212,100	£184,900	£32,100	15%	£56,900	30%
6	13	32	SHAHID LATIF	£233,700	£193,700	£122,100	£40,000	21%	£70,800	43%
7	18	7	FRANCES J MCMENAMIN QC	£227,500	£166,300	£221,900	£61,200	37%	£27,200	14%
8	74	88	M M HUGHES	£219,200	£85,300	£64,000	£133,900	157%	£170,500	350%
9	5	16	PAUL G MCBRIDE QC	£217,700	£237,800	£161,600	£-20,100	-8%	£-58,100	-21%
10	10	17	THOMAS L ROSS	£216,900	£208,600	£159,900	£8,300	4%	£65,100	43%
11	16	14	FRANCES C CONNOR	£206,900	£172,200	£172,200	£34,700	20%	£73,300	55%
12	47	58	CHRIS M SHEAD	£201,200	£113,800	£82,500	£87,400	77%	£122,700	156%
13	36	112	ANTHONY J LENEHAN	£201,100	£135,800	£52,600	£65,300	48%	-	-
14	20	5	SARAH M LIVINGSTONE	£199,700	£164,100	£259,000	£35,600	22%	£78,800	65%
15	59	15	NEIL D MURRAY QC	£199,200	£102,600	£163,700	£96,600	94%	£-6,900	-3%
16	8	25	LORENZO ALONZI	£197,700	£213,100	£143,400	£-15,400	-7%	£9,300	5%
17	2	4	IAN DUGUID QC	£192,200	£321,600	£266,600	£-129,400	-40%	£-24,500	-11%
18	38	21	SUSAN M BURNS	£191,300	£128,800	£152,400	£62,500	49%	£183,600	2384%
19	73	38	MARK L STEWART QC	£188,100	£86,700	£115,700	£101,400	117%	£186,600	12440%
20	34	13	MARK D MOIR	£184,100	£146,200	£158,200	£37,900	26%	£80,600	78%
			Top 20 total paid	£4,586,900	£3,651,300	£3,485,200	£935,600	26%	£1,615,000	54%
			Total paid to advocates (rounded to £000s)	£17,065,400	£16,577,800	£15,179,398	£487,600	3%	£2,191,600	15%

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Legal aid payments made to solicitor-advocates – comparative figures

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1	5	7	JOHN CARROLL	JOHN CARROLL & CO SOLICITORS	£210,100	£168,200	£102,700	£41,900	25%	£95,200	83%
2	2	2	MAURICE T SMYTH	GORDON & SMYTH SOLICITORS	£178,200	£183,200	£143,300	£-5,000	-3%	£56,300	46%
3	11	11	RICHARD G GODDARD	ADAMS WHYTE SOLICITORS	£164,200	£92,300	£61,100	£71,900	78%	£88,400	117%
4	7	3	BRIAN G GILFEDDER	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	£146,600	£126,700	£135,700	£19,900	16%	£45,300	45%
5	4	5	JOHN SCOTT	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	£138,700	£172,600	£119,200	£-33,900	-20%	£-12,800	-8%
6	1	6	IAIN M PATERSON	PATERSON BELL LIMITED	£124,500	£219,300	£117,000	£-94,800	-43%	£62,500	101%
7	10	9	JOHN KEENAN	CAPITAL DEFENCE LAWYERS	£122,800	£112,400	£88,400	£10,400	9%	£31,100	34%
8	17	-	CHRISTOPHER FYFFE	BRUCE SHORT & CO SOLICITORS	£110,000	£41,200	£0	£68,800	167%	-	-
9	6	1	D J FINNIESTON	FRANCHI FINNIESTON SOLICITORS	£97,300	£142,400	£158,000	£-45,100	-32%	£3,700	4%
10	3	8	J D KEEGAN	KEEGAN SMITH SSC SOLICITORS	£75,500	£174,200	£91,800	£-98,700	-57%	£-101,700	-57%
11	26	15	WILLIAM MCVICAR	JOHN HENDERSON & SONS SOLICITORS	£71,600	£32,700	£40,700	£38,900	119%	£28,500	66%
12	9	17	DAVID TAYLOR	GILFEDDER & MCINNES SOLICITORS	£69,900	£33,800	£29,900	£36,100	107%	-	-
13	39	28	WILLIAM M LAVELLE	WILLIAM LAVELLE SOLICITOR	£66,600	£120,200	£39,100	£-53,600	-45%	-	-
14	13	14	GERALD MCCLURE	MCCLURE COLLINS SOLICITORS	£63,600	£50,300	£41,800	£13,300	26%	-	-
15	36	27	VINCENT BELMONTE	BELMONTE & CO	£58,400	£17,600	£25,900	£40,800	232%	£39,900	216%
16	8	10	JAMES R WALLACE	JAMES R WALLACE SOLICITORS	£57,300	£124,800	£77,300	£-67,500	-54%	£-37,400	-39%
17	31	22	GEORGE E POLLOCK	POLLOCK SOMERVILLE & CO SOLICITORS	£52,300	£26,200	£31,100	£26,100	100%	£800	2%
18	23	34	PAUL BURNS	HAMILTON BURNS & COMPANY SOLICITORS	£52,200	£35,000	£18,200	£17,200	49%	£14,000	37%
19	24	23	GORDON MARTIN	MARTIN JOHNSTON & SOCHA SOLICITORS	£50,700	£34,200	£29,000	£16,500	48%	£28,400	127%
20	38	4	PATRICK WHEATLEY	PATRICK WHEATLEY SOLICITORS	£46,700	£16,000	£125,900	£30,700	192%	£-44,300	-49%
			Top 20 total		£1,957,200	£1,923,400	£1,476,200	£33,800	2%	£607,900	45%
			Total paid to solicitor advocates (rounded to £000s)		£2,730,800	£2,215,400	£2,751,700	£515,400		£321,700	£0

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