

# 2020-2025 Legal Expenditure

## Context & Transparency

In recent years, the Office of the Ombudsman has observed a significant increase in both the volume and complexity of matters requiring review and determination. This trend includes several matters of substantial legal and regulatory importance, most notably an unprecedented Freedom of Information (FOI) decision that proceeded to judicial review in the case of *CUC Cayman Islands v. Ombudsman & OfReg* before the Grand Court.

As the Office continues to discharge its statutory responsibilities under the Ombudsman Act and related legislation, it remains steadfast in its commitment to promoting fairness, accountability, and sound public administration. It also staunchly defends its Constitutional role as an independent Office. The escalation in the complexity of matters experienced by the Office has required greater engagement with specialised legal expertise. As a result, the legal costs incurred by the Office have increased correspondingly.

In keeping with the Office's commitment to transparency and responsible governance, a detailed summary of legal expenditures is provided in the accompanying spreadsheet.

Year	Vendor	Total
2020	ETIENNE BLAKE ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW	<b>60,391.40</b>
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2021	ETIENNE BLAKE ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW	<b>95,788.45</b>
	PRIESTLEYS ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW	26,048.27
	SAVANNAH LAW	5,153.78
	SAVANNAH LAW	64,586.40
2022	SAVANNAH LAW	<b>70,742.50</b>
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2023	CAMPBELLS LLP	<b>61,338.50</b>
	HSM CHAMBERS	24,538.50
	LINWOOD ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW	3,150.00
	SAVANNAH LAW	1,400.00
	SAVANNAH LAW	32,250.00
2024	BROADHURST LLC	<b>173,552.27</b>
	CAMPBELLS LLP	55,865.18
	HARNEYS WESTWOOD & RIEGELS	2,214.00
	LINWOOD ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW	37,305.09
	SAVANNAH LAW	5,600.00
	SAVANNAH LAW	72,568.00
2025	HARNEYS WESTWOOD & RIEGELS	<b>376,315.42</b>
	SAVANNAH LAW	1,350.00
	BROADHURST LLC	127,228.75
	TRAVERS THORP ALBERGA ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW	697.00
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