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Injury Claims & Occupational Disease
Personal Injury

When you are injured through someone else’s negligence, you want the people around you to know what to do to get you back on track as quickly as possible.

The team at Morrish Solicitors is a leading light in Personal Injury law, with a respected reputation for recovering headline compensation awards for our clients.

Our head of department, Martin Bare, is a past President of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and has had many papers published on current issues relating to the field. He actively advocates improvements in all laws relating to personal injury and workplace safety.

Our team of dedicated lawyers has extensive experience in advising on a wide range of personal injury matters across a spectrum of severity. We don’t just look at compensation as a number, but consider all appropriate factors required to help you draw a line under the experience and get on with your life.

“\nIn 25 years of legal practice I have never met an accident victim who wanted a damages payment more than they wanted to turn the clock back. We look beyond recompense to the victim’s need for rehabilitation.\\n\nMartin Bare, Partner\\n”

Our areas of expertise include:

> Catastrophic Injuries, including Spinal and Head Injuries
> Employers Liability and Accidents at Work
> Road Traffic Accidents
> Public Liability
> Occupational Disease Claims, including: Asbestos Induced Diseases, Noise Induced Hearing Loss and Tinnitus, Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome and Vibration White Finger (VWF), Respiratory Diseases, Dermatitis, Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI) or Work-Related Upper Limb Disorders, Miners Knee Injury or Beat Knee, Stress Related Illnesses, Product Liability and Defective Product Litigation, Infant Claims and Settlement

Personal injury claims are subject to strict time limits. By law, you must normally submit your claim to the court within 3 years of your injury. Any member of our team will be happy to advise you in a free initial consultation.

Much of our work is carried out on behalf of Trade Unions and their members. We are happy to be instructed by individuals who do not have the valuable benefit of Trade Union assistance and we can advise on alternative sources of funding. Genuine ‘no win no fee’ arrangements may also be available.
Serious measures are required from an experienced expert who will take full account of what it will take to rehabilitate the victim, help them adapt their lifestyle and resume life as an active member of society, whilst also providing vital assistance to every member of the family who is affected.

**Expertise**

Serious or Catastrophic Injury claims are very different to Personal Injury claims routinely dealt with by most solicitors. They may involve injuries to the head, brain or spine, multiple fractures or amputations, substantial burns or even life-threatening diseases such as asbestos-related conditions.

Such serious claims demand specialist, highly experienced lawyers. Our dedicated department deals solely with serious injury claims.

**Rehabilitation**

It is vital to set up a detailed rehabilitation programme as early as possible to assist in the treatment of the injury or condition, and to expedite the return to work, at least on a reduced hours basis. In the most severe cases, this may mean setting care regimes and life plans, providing modifications to the home or vehicles and even the provision of newly adapted accommodation or transport.

**Long term care**

It is vital to secure interim payments as early and as regularly as possible to prevent difficulties with debts, to help buy vital equipment and any necessary treatment needed beyond NHS provision. Working people who depend on regular income can suffer long-lasting and devastating effects to the entire family if that income is removed through injury.

**Compensation**

We recognise that once the primary needs for rehabilitation, care, accommodation, transport and income are resolved for the longer term, we can concentrate on the issue of final compensation payment. Some claims may not suit a final one-off payment, and it may be more effective to seek ongoing income that continues for life.

Morrish Solicitors LLP is an active member of the legal team recommended by both the Spinal Injuries Association and the brain injury association, Headway. Martin Bare, Partner, is a Life Member of Headway. We are also involved with other charitable organisations who provide vital support and advice for catastrophic injury claimants and their families like The Brain and Spine Foundation, Brake and Aspire.

Despite advances in medical research and health and safety practices, Occupational Disease remains a fact of modern life. When you or your loved one is diagnosed with an Occupational Disease, the effects can be devastating for both the victim and the entire family. You need authoritative, expert legal advice to reduce the fear and worry that such distressing news brings, and to help you navigate the uncertain times ahead.

We take a different approach to other lawyers. You need a solicitor who will address the uncertainty, the burden and the worry at such times, so you can concentrate on what’s important — getting on with your life. Morrish Solicitors are recognised experts in this field, with our proven track record of winning headline awards for our clients, advising government committees dealing with Occupational Disease and providing expert opinion in consultations.

We understand the effects of Occupational Disease, which is why only our most experienced solicitors will look after your case. Our commitment to you means ensuring you receive the best possible outcome in terms of ongoing care, medical advice and additional support for family life, in the workplace, and financial compensation to cover these vital areas.

“People have a right to expect protection from hazardous conditions in the workplace. When those expectations are not met, we come in and level the playing field.”

Martin Bare, Partner

**Our areas of expertise include:**

- Asbestos-induced diseases including:
  - Mesothelioma
  - Lung Cancer
  - Asbestosis
  - Pleural Thickening
- Noise Induced Hearing Loss and Tinnitus
- Vibration White Finger (VWF)/ Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome
- Respiratory Diseases, including Occupational Asthma
- Dermatitis
- Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI)/Work-Related Upper Limb Disorders
- Stress Related Illnesses

Please remember that all Occupational Disease claims are subject to strict deadlines. By law, you must normally submit your claim to the court within 3 years of when you knew or should have known your condition might be linked to work.

In serious claims like Occupational Disease, no two cases are the same. Each case needs to be understood on its own merits, and needs a qualified specialist with the right approach to achieving optimum results for the client. We are not the biggest law firm, but we treat each case and each client individually to make sure that clients get the best.
Clinical Negligence

Being a victim of Clinical Negligence can be bewildering. You have placed your trust in a healthcare professional and been let down, sometimes very badly and with serious consequences. Many victims seek a simple explanation, to understand what went wrong and why. Most victims would appreciate an acknowledgement of negligence and appropriate apology from the professional or body concerned. Sadly, this is not always forthcoming.

Where medical treatment has fallen below what is a reasonable standard of care for that area of medicine, and where the patient has suffered as a result, he or she may have a claim for Clinical Negligence compensation.

If you or a loved one has been a victim of Clinical Negligence, you need to seek professional, expert advice as soon as possible because it takes time to assess your case and there are very strict time limits for bringing a claim.

Clinical Negligence is a highly specialized field of law. Whoever you choose will need to be an experienced solicitor with the necessary expertise to clearly explain what the situation is, what your options are and to guide you through the process in a responsible and hands-on manner.

Morrish Solicitors LLP has a department dedicated to acting for victims of Clinical Negligence. Our philosophy is simple. We are committed to rehabilitation, to restoring your quality of life and to helping you source the best available support services to assist you and your family in both the short and long term.

Some cases take many months to investigate. Complex cases take many years to resolve. Clearly, the circumstances of each case are unique. We recognize that the details and nature of your situation will be distressing, which is why we take a sympathetic approach to handling your case and take care to make sure that you understand each step of the process. We will guide you through your claim and make sure you stay informed of all progress and have a clear understanding of your options at each stage. Our aim is to help you navigate a path to your best possible outcome. Our experience in this specialist field enables us to regularly recover substantial awards for our clients.

Our areas of expertise include:
- Birth injury, including cerebral palsy
- Brain injury
- Spinal injury
- Gynaecology and obstetrics
- Inquests and fatal accidents
- Urology
- General surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Claims involving children
- Pressure sores
- Misdiagnosis and inappropriate drug prescription

Because of their complexity, Clinical Negligence cases can be expensive. In resolutely pursuing your claim, we are able to offer a raft of funding options to give you access to justice, including Legal Aid, Legal Expenses Insurance and, in appropriate cases, No Win, No Fee arrangements. We are one of the few firms nationally with a franchise from the Legal Services Commission to offer Legal Aid for Clinical Negligence cases.

We are committed to ensuring our clients receive the compensation they deserve. We can help you find financial advice to ensure your award does not disentitle you from any appropriate State benefits.

In certain cases, ‘no win no fee’ arrangements may be available. Please telephone 033 3344 9600 and ask to speak to the Injury Claims & Occupational Disease team.

You are most welcome to email us on info@morrishsolicitors.com and refer to our website www.morrishsolicitors.com

“Most victims of clinical negligence are very keen to make sure the same thing can’t happen again, to someone else.”

Martin Bare, Partner

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Inspired by our clients, confident in our expertise and fair employment practices, as approachable as we are professional, we aspire to provide the best legal service in the UK for people when they need it most.

Our areas of expertise include:

> Employment Rights
> Clinical Negligence
> Injury Claims & Occupational Disease
> Family Law
> Asbestos
> Property Services
> Wills, Probate and Elderly Client Services
> Professional Negligence
> Trade Union Services