

# Training Seat in Personal Injury



We represent victims of accidents who have suffered catastrophic, life changing injuries. We support the victims and their families through what is probably the most challenging and life changing event of their lives. We see our primary function in the early stages to facilitate rehabilitation for a seriously injured person. That and support for the injured person and their family. Early medical and rehabilitative intervention is the key to achieving the best possible outcome. We also represent the injured person in the litigation to recover compensation for the injuries and all the financial losses. We have to ensure that the injured person and their family receive the money they need to provide financial security for the future. Not only do we act for them in the legal process but we also provide a holistic approach to resolving the complex inter related issues that often arise after such an event. That might involve providing advice and support regarding community care issues, educational issues for children and deputyship support where people lack capacity to handle their own affairs. There are many very interesting elements to pursuing a claim on behalf of an injured person and their family. There are issues around liability to establish who was at fault. We have to be able to prove a causal relationship between the negligent act and the injury sustained. Then there is the valuation or quantum aspect where we have to gather evidence and work out all the component parts of the financial claim. All the time we have to consider what a judge is likely to award should the case go to trial.

## Type of law covered:

- Personal Injury law is based upon the law of Tort

## What will the trainees hope to achieve in this seat?

- You will meet lots of people and you will be very busy.
- If you want to experience civil litigation there is no better seat.
- By your mid seat you will have been to Court and by the end you will have conducted a hearing yourself. You will attend hearings, conferences with experts and counsel and mediation appointments.
- You will gain confidence.

## What do you expect from the trainees so they can get the most out of the seat?

- You must be prepared to work hard and be busy.
- You must have a good eye for detail.
- If at the start you cannot manage your time well you certainly will be able to by your mid seat.
- Come to the seat with an open and inquisitive mind. You have to want to learn new things and be a 'sponge' absorbing new information every day.
- You will have to want to help people and make a difference.

## Any prep work?

- Please familiarise yourself with the Civil Procedure Rules - in particular the pre action protocols for personal injury and clinical disputes.

## Facts and Figures

- Based in Bournemouth and Southampton with national coverage for clients.
- There will be occasional travel to Court and to see witnesses.
- There will be occasional travel to London to the LA office, Court and barristers' chambers.

## Anything unique

You are helping people who have suffered life changing injuries and you will be making a difference.

## Any interesting cases that the trainee could work on:

- Lots of interesting cases to work on, some being multi million pound cases.
- Cases involving lots of different types of injury and a variety of accidents.

There is a lot of client contact and lots of engagement with other professionals such as medical experts, barristers, judges and lay witnesses. It is a very rewarding job when you can see the results of lots of hard work helping injured people and their families to get their lives back on track or at least providing the financial support that will allow them to live as near normal lives as is possible in the circumstances.

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