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# Personal Injury Claims.

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# Why choose Lanyon Bowdler?

## Our specialist team will provide you with a comprehensive and personal service.

- A good relationship with your lawyer is critical to enable effective communication. We will provide the personal touch and meet with you regularly to establish and build a relationship of trust.
- Your case will be conducted by a specialist lawyer carefully matched to your particular needs.
- Your specialist lawyer will be supported by the wider team to ensure there will always be someone available to discuss your case with you. This means your case will be reviewed regularly and you will be kept updated as to how matters are progressing.
- We offer home or hospital visits, for your convenience we also offer remote appointments by telephone or video conferencing platforms such as Zoom or MS Teams.
- We have a dedicated team of medical professionals including access to medical professions for liability advice and an assistant coroner within the firm who can advise on fatal cases and inquests.

The Personal Injury Team at Lanyon Bowdler consist of members who are approved experts in their field.

We understand all the practical and emotional difficulties involved in suffering a **personal injury**.

## We have a national reputation for success outcomes in difficult and complex cases.

- We have specific expertise in areas such as acquired brain injury, spinal injuries, amputation, and fatal accident claims. Such injuries may have been suffered as a result of a road traffic accident, an accident at work or a slip or fall on someone else's property. We have solicitors on Headway's Approved List, the Spinal Injuries Association Panel and the Law Society's Panel of Personal Injury Solicitors.
- Furthermore, we are members of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).
- We work with highly regarded, tried and tested medical experts and barristers who are also matched to the particular needs of a case.
- We are recognised by The Legal 500 for Claimant Personal Injury and as a Top Ranked Firm by Chambers UK.
- We are signatories to the Armed Forces Community Covenant with expertise in assisting veterans and service personnel in claims against the Ministry of Defence and in bringing cases under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.
- We are signatories of the Serious Injury Guide.

## We can offer you a choice as to how your claim is funded.

- We have a number of funding options based on your personal circumstances, including "no win no fee" agreements and fixed fees.
- Our funding options are designed to remove uncertainty and unnecessary risks to you.
- Our funding will allow flexibility, with payment often deferred until the end of the case.
- Our fees reflect the level of service provided.
- We will discuss all of the options with you to enable you to decide on the option which works best for you.

## We will be thorough in getting the best evidence and the maximum compensation for your injuries and losses.

- Our feedback via ReviewSolicitors demonstrates our commitment in achieving fairness, justice and peace of mind for our clients.
- We will investigate your case to its full potential and achieve the best results possible. We will not “under settle” claims.
- We are experienced in handling moderate value through to multi million pounds claims, including several in excess of £10million.

We have a proven track record in taking over cases from other solicitors where clients have been dissatisfied with the service or advice, and we have been able to turn them around; achieving much better outcomes for clients.

## It's not just about the money...

- Our view is that rehabilitation is key and we will match and introduce you to the right team of therapists and case managers.
- We can introduce you to independent financial advisors and set up trusts to manage your compensation.
- We have a dedicated Court of Protection team who help to manage the affairs of clients who cannot do this for themselves.
- We can also assist with Powers of Attorney, wills and estate administration.

“ *[Dawn Humphries is] A senior solicitor, partner and head of the Personal Injury Department, who specialises in serious and catastrophic, brain and spinal injuries arising from road traffic accidents and accidents at work resulting in damages in excess of six figures. She is committed to using mediation as an alternative in dispute resolution to trial, an advocate of early interim payments for rehabilitation, case management, care accommodation, aids and equipment and vocational support.* ”

Chambers UK

# Frequently asked questions.

## What makes Lanyon Bowdler different to other personal injury solicitors?

As solicitors who specialise in brain injury, catastrophic injuries, spinal and amputation cases, we have experience in signposting our clients to independent and experienced case managers who will help establish care regimes, suggest therapies and source appropriate accommodation. With this multi-disciplinary, holistic approach we are able to offer maximum support to the injured person and their family at a time of crisis. With the right therapies and services, the correct care package and support, those who have become carers can step back and return to their role of partner, mother or father rather than carer, enabling them to regain quality time with their loved one. The feedback we receive shows that this type of support can be priceless.

## What do I need to prove to be successful in a personal injury claim?

To be successful in a straightforward claim, you need to prove two things:

- That the accident was caused by someone else's negligence or a breach of statutory duty.
- That the negligence/breach caused you physical or mental injury.

## What are my chances of winning my case?

We will make an initial assessment on the merits of your case when we first meet with you and will continue to review the merits of your case as it progresses. The first meeting with you is held free of charge and will take as long as is necessary for us to understand your circumstances. Our assessment will be based upon your own evidence, our research and the significant experience we have in personal injury cases. We assess the prospects of success throughout the conduct of the case and if at any stage we receive evidence that alters our view of the prospects, we shall advise you immediately.

## How long will my claim take?

This will depend upon the complexity of your case. We will give you an estimated timescale once we have more information. The main factors which will impact upon the length of the claim are the attitude of the defendant towards settlement, the depth of investigations and your medical prognosis. We shall minimise the time taken to settle your claim by setting out your claim to the defendants clearly and robustly.

## How will I pay for your services?

A number of funding options are available to suit your budget and needs. These include “no win no fee” agreements, before the event legal expense insurance and hourly rates. We will detail your funding choices and the pros and cons of each when we meet, and we will not proceed without your approval of your funding strategy. These are discussed thoroughly with you in your initial meeting, which is free of charge.

## How will I avoid a large bill that I was not expecting at the end of the case?

We appreciate the importance of transparency and certainty in relation to costs. We shall agree a funding strategy tailored to your particular circumstances. We will keep you regularly updated with regards to your costs position. Our feedback reflects our clients’ satisfaction with our approach to funding.

## How can I ensure my lawyer has the expertise to run my case?

We will only match you with a lawyer we believe has the right skills and track record to give you the best possible chance of a successful outcome. All cases are conducted by lawyers who specialise in personal injury claims, under the leadership of Law Society Accredited Panel Members.

“ *Debbie is a senior solicitor and partner who specialises in representing seriously injured clients, both adults and children, who have suffered life changing injuries including **brain and complex orthopaedic injuries**. Debbie is **focused upon achieving the best possible outcome** for her clients in addition to **securing interim payments at an early stage** to assist with financial difficulties, fund specialist rehabilitation, therapy, support and care... Debbie **strives to provide individuals with straightforward legal advice** and seeks to obtain compensation to meet their significant needs and provide them with **financial security for their future**.* ”

Chambers UK

# Example claims.

## Claim A

H was a front-seat passenger in a car which was in a high speed collision on the M5. She sustained a fractured sternum, whiplash to the cervical spine, a ligament injury to her shoulder and a psychological injury. These injuries resulted in a serious disability and impacted on her ability to work and on her daily needs.

The driver of the car had legal expenses insurance and their panel firm was initially instructed. H was not offered a face-to-face meeting at any time, and was advised that £16,000 was a good settlement figure. She rejected this, and decided to instruct Lanyon Bowdler who were local to her and had the necessary knowledge and experience. With our expertise, she recovered £400,000 in settlement.

## Claim B

A was a driver involved in a road traffic accident in July 2018, when another vehicle was overtaking on a bend. The Claimant sustained multiple injuries including a traumatic brain injury, serious chest injuries, and pelvic fractures. Frontal lobe damage resulted in dysexecutive syndrome and associated behavioural changes. The claim was brought against the other driver and their insurer.

Liability remained contested throughout the claim, with the defendant alleging the claimant lost control of their vehicle ahead of collision. Parties entered into rigorous negotiations at a joint settlement meeting. A settlement sum of £2,900,000 was agreed, accounting for a percentage discount in respect of liability, which the Court approved.

Injury through someone else's negligence can happen, and the consequences can be life-changing. Livelihoods can be lost and care needed.

We understand this and that bringing a claim can be a daunting prospect. We treat each and every case personally and with professionalism and consideration.

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From the outset **demonstrated a deep understanding** of the intricacies surrounding my case. **Insightful ability to distil complex legal matters into comprehensible terms gave me confidence** throughout the process.

**Lanyon Bowdler were excellent** from the outset. **Straightforward and easy process.**

**Very friendly and quick to respond**, highly recommended for anyone looking for legal advice.

From my initial approach to the final **positive outcome** I felt my solicitor was expending all his energy to win the case. I was kept **informed throughout** and was given **straightforward advice** on how to proceed. The end result was an acceptable outcome and the pay-out was prompt.

Communication has been **clear and precise** throughout. Hopefully, I would not need to call on these services again but, if necessary, would not hesitate to use Lanyon Bowdler solicitors again.

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Above quotes received via ReviewSolicitors.



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