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**Duncan Lewis Solicitors** serves corporate entities and private individuals in over 25 practice areas from offices throughout London and across England and Wales. Established in 1998, the firm has over 550 lawyers delivering legal services in over 60 languages. We have been recognised by independent legal directories, The Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners, as a top tier firm and described as a “diligent and professional team that is prepared to go the extra mile for its clients”.

## Our Services

Personal injury claims can be made if an individual or group of individuals sustain an injury or contract an illness as a result of negligence by a third party.

Our specialist lawyers offer clear and practical advice on all types of personal injury claims, including but not limited to:

- Accidents at home
- Accidents at school
- Accidents at work
- Accidents in public places
- Accidents involving children
- Amputations
- Asbestos and mesothelioma
- Brain and spinal injuries
- Catastrophic injuries
- Claims against the Ministry of Defence
- Cycling accidents
- Fatal injury cases
- Faulty and dangerous products
- Fractured bones
- Head and back injuries
- Holiday accidents and illnesses
- Military accidents
- Public liability claims
- Road traffic accidents
- Sexual and physical abuse claims
- Slip and trips
- Sports injuries

## Time Limits

Usually the time limit for making a personal injury claim is within three years from the date of the injury. This is referred to as the limitation period. In some cases, the limitation period may be extended.

There are different rules for children and people without capacity in respect of the limitation period.

Due to the limitation period for making personal injury claims, our lawyers advise clients to get in touch as soon as possible.

## Compensation

Personal injury compensation involves different compensation payments known as damages.

**General damages** are awarded to compensate for pain, suffering and loss of amenity. The level of compensation depends on the nature of the injury, likely recovery time and prognosis.

**Special damages** are awarded to compensate losses or expenses arising as a result of the accident. Special damages include, but are not limited to:

- Damage to possessions
- Loss of earnings
- Medical treatment
- Travel expenses

In claims involving serious or catastrophic injury, a claim for special damages may also include:

- Adjustments to your home
- Future loss of earnings
- Ongoing specialist medical care and related expenses
- Pension loss

We will be able to provide an estimate of how much compensation your claim might be worth once the evidence has been assessed.

## Fees and Funding

As an essential element of our service we will advise you on the funding options available to you and your case.

### **Conditional Fee Agreements ('No Win No Fee')**

In some cases, we are able to assist you by way of a conditional fee agreement, commonly known as 'no win no fee' funding. To determine if your claim is eligible for 'no win no fee' funding, we will assess the prospects of success in your case.

If you win your claim your opponent should be responsible for paying some of your legal costs and disbursements (including court fees, medical reports). The legal costs payable by you (if any) will not be payable until the conclusion of your case. Where claims are funded under a 'no win no fee' agreement – generally no legal costs are payable if the claim is unsuccessful.

### **Private Funding**

In all privately funded cases, our aim is to offer fair prices in exchange for the specialist services we provide. We offer competitive hourly rates to ensure we give your case the best possible chance of success.

At your first meeting with us, we will discuss with you how we calculate our charges. Where possible, this includes a detailed breakdown of the estimated costs.



## Offering specialist legal services in the following areas:

- Actions Against Public Authorities
- Business Crime / Investigation
- Business Immigration
- Charity Law
- Child Care
- Civil Liberties and Human Rights
- Civil Litigation / Dispute Resolution
- Commercial and Corporate
- Commercial Litigation / Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Property Services
- Community Care
- Court of Protection
- Criminal Defence
- Debt and Insolvency
- Education Law
- Employment
- Family and Divorce
- Housing - Landlord and Tenants
- Immigration and Asylum
- International Disputes
- Islamic Law
- Medical (Clinical) Negligence
- Mental Health and Capacity
- Motoring Law
- Personal Injury
- Prison Law
- Public Law
- Regulatory Law
- Welfare Benefits
- Wills, Probate and Tax

## Offices across England and Wales, including:

### London

- 📍 Barnet
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- 📍 Fenchurch Street
- 📍 Hackney
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- 📍 Birmingham
- 📍 Bradford
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