



Asbestos claims handling

One of the largest specialist industrial disease litigation teams in the UK, advising on landmark coverage, duty of care, breach of duty and causation issue cases.

Our award-winning team handles claims both pre and post-litigation as well as providing general strategic advice and updates on wider issues of the day. Whether acting on volume or niche matters, we have the capability required of insurers covering long-tail liabilities.

What we do

We understand that the widespread consolidation of the insurance industry, coupled with an increase in historical claims and a focus on cost management, presents insurers with challenges.

Our approach is innovative and customer-centric. Working as an integral part of your team we combine ground-breaking disease litigation expertise with state of the art MI and fraud indicators. We work hard to deliver excellent financial outcomes as well as strategically relevant advice and horizon-scanning guidance and comment. What sets us apart, however, is our commitment to delivering a Partner-led service. This ensures that we sustain and continuously improve the service levels you expect, within a competitive fee structure. Our asbestos claims handling expertise includes:

- Advising on historical asbestos related claims, dating as far back as the 50s and 60s.
- Advising on police coverage and locating insurance histories
- Group litigation – We have wide experience including claims relating to Scania IV, Powertrain, Trigger, legionella outbreaks in Barrow and Corby, as well as several current nuisance actions.
- Causation – Our work in mesothelioma, lung cancer and bladder cancer puts us at the heart of the continuing development.
- Fraud - In addition to the toolkit above used to apply the CLB paper to filter genuine claims and identify those where medical causation is an issue, we also use it to apply a series of verification criteria to identify suspicious, speculative and non-meritorious claims with significant success.

A commitment to technology and innovation

By combining some of the best legal experts with cutting-edge technology we deliver a truly market-leading service.

Our disease claims experts advise on matters of strategic importance as well providing data and MI to identify potential savings. We combine this with recommendations for ways to shape internal processes as well as offering bespoke training. We are currently working on profiling of certain types of claim by outcome.

D: Cypher - our Fraud detection tool can be applied to all types of claim, including disease, and does

Pushing the industry boundaries

As one of the market leaders in this field, we recognise the importance of innovation, working alongside legal expertise. We sit at the centre of growing mesothelioma law and have been involved in two significant Supreme Court coverage cases: “Trigger” and Zurich v IEGL; as well as Williams’s v University of Birmingham (a breach of duty, Court of Appeal case) and Smith v Porswood Ltd.

Partner Derek Adamson gave evidence to the House of Commons Justice Committee on whether mesothelioma claims should be subject to LASPO or remain outside it, and he is regularly called on to speak on national radio, in connection with Mesothelioma (Amendment) Bill matters.

Why DWF?

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What clients say

“ I think it is clear to everyone present that we had the best legal team and the quality of that for me shone through over the two days.”

John Latter, UK Technical Claims Director regarding DWF partner Derek Adamson and counsel team representing Zurich in Zurich v IEGL– Supreme Court 2015

“ I could not have wished for anyone else, or anyone better, to have worked on this case. Your belief, drive and passion have been such an influence on the ultimate outcome. It's been an absolute pleasure working with you.”

Mike Klaiber, UK Disease Claims Manager, Zurich, regarding Derek Adamson and team in the EL Policy Trigger Litigation - Supreme Court 2012.

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