

## Accident Claim Success Stories

### **£14,000 for workplace accident**

Our client suffered an accident at work and consulted another law firm before approaching Gaby Hardwicke. The other firm told him the case was unwinnable. Our client was semi-retired and worked part-time in a bakery. While leaving the premises at 5:30am, he fell and broke his left wrist and suffered lacerations to his left shin. The accident occurred because he was unable to see the gully surrounding the building due to inadequate lighting. Because of his injuries, he had to resign from his job as he could no longer carry out his duties. Gaby Hardwicke Chartered Legal Executive Wendy Langridge achieved a settlement of over £14,000 for our client.

### **£30,000 for injury at social event**

Our client suffered injuries to her right wrist and left elbow during an evening celebration at a vineyard, causing serious restriction in all her activities for some time. Liability was established in that there was no outside lighting but there was provision for attendees to walk in all areas. Because of the poor lighting and lack of guidance our client tripped over a low wall. She fractured both her ulna and radius bones, with the radius crushed. Following manipulation, which was extremely painful, K-wires were inserted to hold the fractured bones together. We recovered £30,000 in settlement of her injuries and her out of pocket losses.

### **£16,000 for injury at work**

Our client was involved in an accident during the course of his employment when he stepped out of his work van onto rough ground, causing a serious injury to his ankle when he trod on a pothole and fell to the ground. The injury caused him immediate pain and he was unable to bear weight for some time. He suffered a fracture which caused him to be absent from work for several months. He required treatment, including an arthroscopy and debridement, and thereafter several injections for the ankle pain. Comprehensive physiotherapy was required, which greatly helped. It was important to determine the correct defendant and we needed to establish who owned or was responsible for the land just outside the employer's premises. We established that the land was the responsibility of the employer, whose insurer settled the claim at just over £16,000 for our client's injuries and losses.

### **£44,950 for road traffic accident**

We recovered £44,950 for an ice-cream man who suffered minor physical injuries and associated psychological difficulties, hindering his ability to work. We successfully recovered compensation for loss of income despite our client's self-employed status and difficulties obtaining financial information.

### **£150,000 for road traffic accident**

Our client suffered a head injury and scarring in a car accident. He was not wearing a safety belt at the time. The client did not have a fixed career at the time of the accident and we successfully argued that the impact of his injuries would cause some restrictions in the workplace in the future.

### **£330,000 for serious arm injury**

Our client sustained a serious injury to her non-dominant arm when the brakes failed in her vehicle. We successfully negotiated a settlement of £340,000, which included an element of loss of earnings even though she was very close to retirement age.

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### **£220,000 for subtle brain injury**

We identified that our client was having cognitive difficulties despite the local NHS telling him that he had not sustained a head injury. We managed to secure the sum of £220,000 at a settlement meeting even though he was not wearing a safety belt or crash helmet when he was thrown out of the vehicle in which he was travelling.

### **£5,000 for deep vein thrombosis**

We successfully recovered £5,000 for a client who sustained a thrombosis in circumstances where we argued that the NHS Trust could have prevented this occurring.

### **£15,000 for urinary retention**

Following an orthopaedic operation our client suffered urinary retention. The hospital failed to diagnose and treat this and it was many months before the problem resolved. We secured £15,000 compensation for her.

### **£12,000 for road traffic accident**

Our client suffered a whiplash injury when his vehicle skidded on mud that had been left by contractors undertaking works for the local authority.

### **£5,000 for a child injured in his home**

We recovered £5,000 for a child who suffered injury when a cupboard fell from the wall in her home. We successfully argued that the workmanship was negligent and recovered compensation for her injuries.

### **£1,000 recovered for poor chiropody treatment**

Our client contracted an infection following treatment with his chiropodist.

### **£60,000 for shoulder injury**

Our client sustained a serious injury to his shoulder in a road traffic accident. The defendants argued that the symptoms were due to pre-existing degenerative changes but we successfully recovered £60,000 by negotiation just before trial.

### **£175,000 recovered for accident at work**

Our client sustained a serious injury to his wrist following an accident at his workplace. Despite having a previous injury we successfully argued that his ongoing symptoms were due to the accident in question and recovered £175,000 for him.

### **£3,000 recovered in dental claim**

Our client had undergone treatment to a tooth that had not been properly root filled. We recovered £3,000 for him by negotiation.

### **£5,000 for dental claim**

Our client lost a tooth when her dentist left part of a dental instrument in her tooth and failed to tell her. We were successful in recovering compensation for her.

### **£10,000 for pedestrian**

Our elderly client was traumatised following a car accident in which he was travelling as a passenger. He felt unable to travel in a car again but we managed to secure compensation for him and most importantly secured treatment for him with a specialist clinic as a result of which he subsequently felt confident to travel in a vehicle again.

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### **£60,000 for tripping on a torn carpet**

Our client tripped on a torn carpet in his place of employment and collided with a filing cabinet. He suffered severe pain in his right arm and developed Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. He received £60,000 by way of compensation without having to go to court.

### **£20,000 for tripping over a street sign**

Our client tripped over the frame of a street sign which had been removed so that the frame could be painted. The decorators had left no warning signs or barriers in place and our client did not see the bar at the bottom of the frame which was only two inches from the ground. He tripped and broke both wrists. The case was settled for £20,000.

### **£35,000 for a road traffic accident**

Our client suffered injuries to her back and her knee when another car ran into the back of hers in a queue of traffic. She was unable to travel long distances to work and had to leave her employment and has begun to establish her own business with the funds from her compensation.

### **£38,000 following collision with some furniture**

Our client was assisting at a house move. The removal firm had failed to inform our client that they had not secured the top of a large dresser to the bottom section which caused it to topple over and to fall on her. She suffered a broken wrist and developed chronic pain symptoms for which she received £38,000 compensation.

### **£25,000 for slip in supermarket**

Our client worked in a supermarket as a checkout operator. She didn't notice a cleaner mopping the area around her till and when she went for her break she slipped on a wet patch of floor. She suffered injury to her lower back and psychological trauma. She received £25,000 without having to go to court.

### **£7,000 for car park trip**

Our client tripped on the way to his car which was parked in his employer's car park. He caught his foot in a dangerous part of the car park's surface and suffered cuts to his foot and knee. The case settled with payment to our client of more than £7,000.

### **£15,000 for child in car accident**

We acted for a child who was 9 years old when he was injured in a car accident. He was in the rear of the car, wearing a seatbelt, when it was hit by another vehicle. Despite suffering injuries to his face, abdomen and pelvis our client made a full recovery, and was awarded £15,000 compensation for his injuries arising from the accident.

### **£112,500 for air steward**

Our client was an air steward who suffered a back injury due to his employer's unsafe working practices. The employer's insurers initially offered £25,000 to settle the case but as we prepared for trial the offer was gradually increased until £112,500 was accepted by our client the week before trial.

### **£40,000 for wrist injury**

Our client suffered a wrist injury after falling on a defective dance floor. Despite an initial denial of liability the defendant was eventually forced to accept responsibility and pay compensation of £40,000.

### **£20,000 for cyclist**

We represented a cyclist who was struck by a car whose driver didn't see him. Our client suffered a foot injury. The car driver was prosecuted for careless driving and our client received £20,000 in compensation for his injury.

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### **£198,000 for pedestrian**

Our client suffered a serious knee injury when he was hit by a car while crossing the road. He was unable to return to his job and we secured almost £200,000 in compensation for him.

### **£25,000 for damaged finger and thumb**

Our client worked with a machine for which she was not given adequate training, and suffered an injury to her finger and thumb. She received £25,000 to compensate her for her injury.

### **£30,000 for permanent damage to shoulder**

We acted for a client who tripped over a post outside a shop. She fell, suffering permanent injury to her shoulder for which insurers paid £30,000 in damages.

### **£12,000 for fracture**

Our client was injured when the bus which he had just boarded pulled away suddenly causing him to fall to the floor. He suffered a fractured thigh bone, as a result of which insurers paid compensation of £12,000.

These are just a sample of recent awards of compensation recovered for our clients. If you would like to receive free no-obligation advice on a personal injury claim contact Iona Smith on **01424 730945** or by email [ijs@gabyhardwicke.co.uk](mailto:ijs@gabyhardwicke.co.uk)