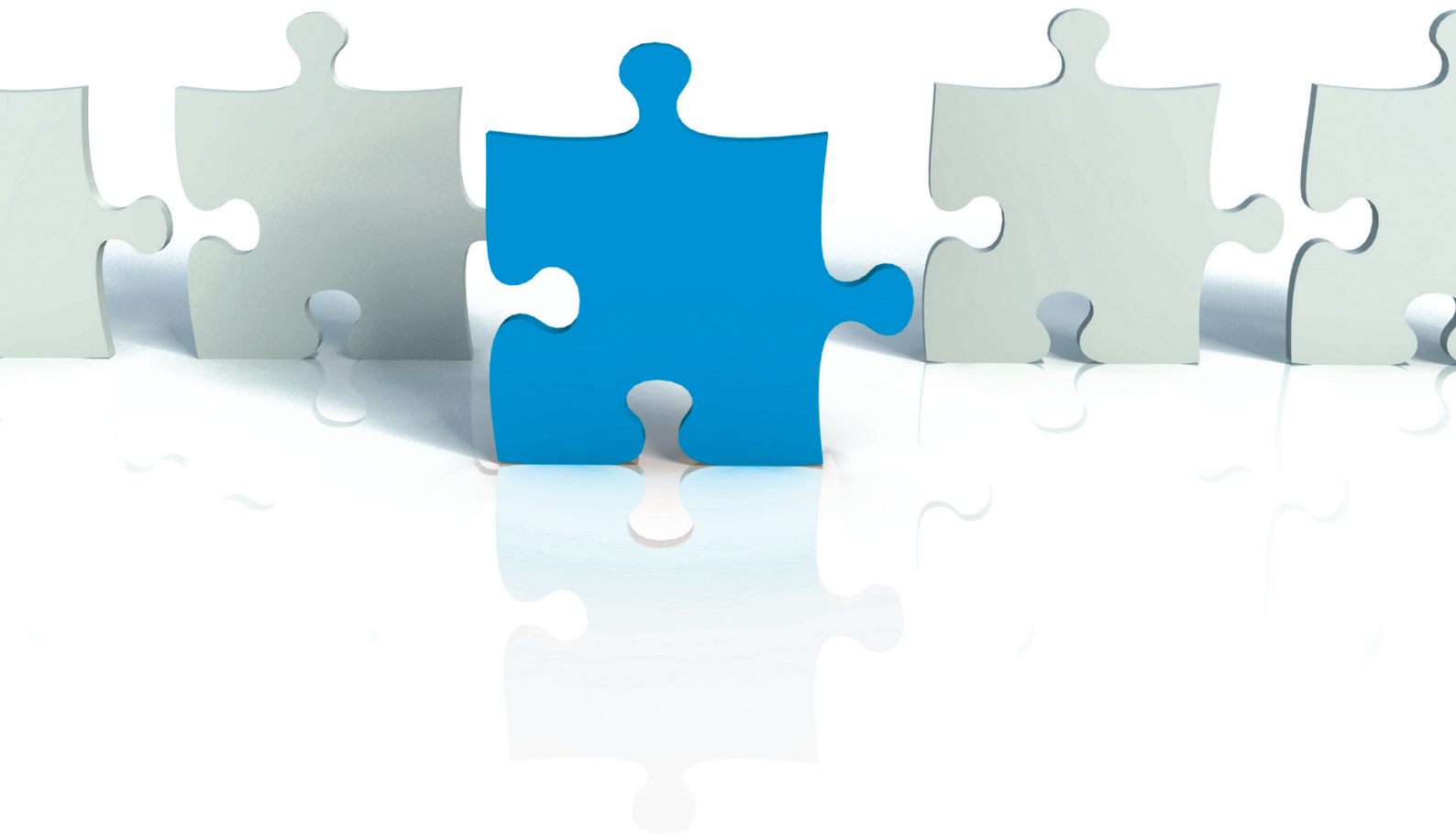


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## **Guide to Choosing a Personal Injury Lawyer**

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A guide by Burton & Dyson



# Choosing a Personal Injury Lawyer

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**If you've slipped, tripped or been involved in an accident, you may be entitled to compensation for the pain, suffering and financial loss that you have experienced. Making a successful claim can be complicated, so your choice of personal injury lawyer is very important.**

However, with the vast majority of people looking to claim compensation doing so for the first time, and no shortage of personal injury lawyers available, what criteria should you use when deciding which lawyer is right for you?

There are a few basic things you should look for in the first instance.

Firstly, make sure you choose a firm that specialises in personal injury claims, such as Burton & Dyson, instead of just visiting a high street solicitor. Also make sure the firm has expertise in the specific type of injury you have experienced, especially in motor accident and clinical negligence claims. When you meet with your lawyer, ask if they have recently taken on a similar injury claim and what the result was.

In addition, you should look for a lawyer that is a member of either the Law Society Personal Injury Panel or the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL). This proves they have the relevant experience and knowledge to handle your claim, and need to comply with APIL's rules and regulations.

*"From the standpoint of the client, going to an organisation that held itself out as being 'accredited personal injury lawyers' should mean that the client would find, at that office, individuals with expertise and experience, and that the matter would be handled by, or under the supervision of, such expertise"*

- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)

You also need to consider personality, so a local firm with a personal service would be best. A compensation claim is a collaborative process between you and your lawyer that requires mutual trust, so you should feel comfortable and secure when discussing your case with them.

Your lawyer should listen to you, and be responsive to any concerns, questions or needs you might have, explaining everything in understandable laymen's terms with no complex jargon or legal language.

Costs and fees, as well as the chances of your case succeeding, should be explained honestly, and there should never be any hidden costs.

Before entering into any kind of formal agreement with a personal injury lawyer, you will have a chance to interview each other at an initial consultation. This gives you a chance to ask about your lawyer's background, experience and costs.

Areas that you should consider asking about include: the overall costs of your case, the fee structure and how often you will be billed, how often you will be informed about progress, how strong your case is and if it could be settled before trial, and, conversely, is there any risk of failure, and, if that happens, what your potential liability will be.



# Why choose Burton & Dyson for your personal injury claim?

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Burton & Dyson deals with all types of personal injury claims, including complicated or unusual issues. Our experienced case handlers are experts in their field, with substantial expertise in handling large personal injury claims. They can help with cases related to:

- Road traffic accidents
- Accidents at work
- Slipping or tripping incidents
- Criminal injuries
- Any other type of accident

We are an approved member of Accident Line, the only personal injury referral scheme endorsed by The Law Society. The scheme is accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority Personal Injury Panel and the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).

Burton & Dyson is also an APIL accredited practice, which means we have qualified, accredited lawyers with experience and expertise in handling personal injury claims. All accredited APIL lawyers have at least five years' experience of handling such cases, and many have specialist knowledge in particular fields.

Peter Bishop, head of our personal injury department, has been accredited as an APIL Senior Litigator. With only 415 Litigators nationwide, this is a mark of true quality. Peter is also a member of the Solicitors Regulation Authority Personal Injury Accreditation Scheme.

At Burton & Dyson, we provide a personalised face-to-face service, and the first interview is free, with no obligation. Our expertise is combined with a proactive and sympathetic approach, matched by our determination and passion to assist clients and do our very best to maximise their claim. We will often be able to secure compensation for you without going to court.

Our no win, no fee scheme, available via Accident Line, guarantees you receive 100 percent of the compensation if your claim is successful. We have a 100 percent success rate of all claims proceeding to trial under this scheme.

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