

# **Asbestos Disease Lawyers**

Supporting sufferers across  
the North East

**Leigh Day**



# Justice for asbestos victims

Leigh Day was established in 1987 and has become known as a firm that specialises in complex aspects of personal injury and human rights law. We are not afraid to take on challenges that would daunt many others.

We have been representing clients in asbestos claims for almost 30 years and our team of experts is one of the largest and most respected asbestos litigation teams in the UK and internationally.

We are one of the only firms in the country ranked Band 1 for asbestos and industrial disease claims by Chambers & Partners, the independent guide to the legal sector. Three of our lawyers are also individually ranked in the Band 1 category, more than any other firm in the country.

## Leigh Day in the North-East

- We act for clients with asbestos claims in the North-East of England and across the country, visiting them at their home, in hospital, or wherever they choose.
- We work closely with asbestos charities including Mesothelioma UK and Readley. We regularly attend Readley support group meetings and support their events.

Contact us for advice  
as soon as you can on  
**0191 933 9104.**



# Why choose Leigh Day?

Identifying the right solicitor can be difficult.

- Our team has achieved some of the highest compensation awards for pain, suffering and care for mesothelioma victims. Some of our cases have set precedents in law which other law firms follow.
- We only act for asbestos sufferers and never represent those responsible for causing asbestos exposure or their insurers.
- We are recommended by asbestos support groups and charities throughout the UK.
- We are the only law firm which has on several occasions been appointed by the Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum UK which represents asbestos support groups in their legal cases to protect the legal rights of asbestos disease sufferers.

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# How we can help you

- Making a claim may seem daunting at first but we have many years of experience in helping asbestos sufferers. Our specialist team will guide you through each stage of the legal process
- We will start a court case quickly, wherever possible using the specialist asbestos court in the High Court in London, in order to achieve an early settlement. Most cases will settle out of court.
- We will give you impartial advice about whether you may be able to claim compensation.
- You will not need to attend court or travel to our offices if you are not well enough to do so.
- We are one of a few law firms who will make no deduction for legal costs. We will advise you on a “no win, no fee” basis and, if you win, you will keep 100% of your compensation.
- We have built up good relationships over many years with the best specialist doctors, barristers and other experts in the field of asbestos litigation.
- We will take a detailed statement of your work history, to pinpoint where you came into contact with asbestos. Once we have identified where you were exposed to asbestos we will trace the employers or their liability insurers.
- We will include the cost of care and treatment which you may require as part of your claim.



## CLIENT STORIES

# Compensation for a former shipwright from South Shields

Steven Dickens acted on behalf of a former shipwright from South Shields, who received a six-figure settlement from his former employer a month before his death from the asbestos-related cancer mesothelioma.

Brian Laydon, who passed away in 2019 aged 84, worked at the John Redhead & Sons shipyard between 1950 and 1985 when the yard closed. It was during this time that Brian was exposed to asbestos which was being removed from pipework in his presence. He began to suffer breathing problems in December 2017 and was diagnosed with mesothelioma in January 2018.

Steven and the team worked hard to uncover the facts of the case and were able to secure a settlement before Brian passed away, which he knew would be used to support his family after he died. The owners of the shipyard admitted liability once faced with the evidence prepared by Leigh Day.



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# Sunderland man secures right to fund treatment for mesothelioma

Leigh Day pursued compensation for Derek Welsh of Sunderland when he was diagnosed with mesothelioma in November 2017.

Mr Welsh had been employed in the demolition industry by A V Ogden & Sons and had demolished the large Co-op at Ryhope, Sunderland which contained substantial amounts of asbestos. Later in his career he came to work as an asbestos stripper for Brown & Mason Ltd. He was required to strip asbestos by his employer but they failed to give him appropriate safety equipment.

When Derek was diagnosed with mesothelioma Leigh Day visited him at home in Sunderland and prepared evidence that enabled him to win his case against both of his employers, and to secure his right to have further treatment funded in the private sector after his claim was settled.

This agreement meant that Mr Welsh had access to immunotherapy treatment in the private sector, if it were recommended to him after settlement.



# Contact our team

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Highly respected industrial disease practice offering first-rate representation to claimants suffering from asbestos-related diseases. Features prominently in headline disease cases and retains strong links to support groups and non-profits catering for those with mesothelioma.”

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# Leigh Day

## Justice for asbestos victims

Leigh Day is a specialist law firm with some of country's leading asbestos lawyers. We have a track record of succeeding with cases on behalf of those diagnosed with asbestos related illnesses through no fault of their own.

Unlike other law firms, we act exclusively for claimants, we never act for employers or insurance companies.

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