

# No Result - No Charge



## Successful Personal Injury Law Experts

As one of the Western District's largest law firms, Maddens Lawyers have successfully conducted thousands of personal injury and damages cases, without charging costs until verdict or settlement. In the very few cases which were lost by clients, no costs at all were charged by us.

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Maddens Lawyers have always adopted a **"No Result - No Charge"** policy for personal injury claims, even though most lawyers require up-front payment followed by progress payments.

We have adopted our policy to ensure that financial restraints do not affect your right to institute legal proceedings, to a fair hearing and to the recovery of proper damages.

Some personal injury claims, whether they arise from transport accidents or industrial accidents, by medical negligence, in public places, through defective products, or in any other way, can take many years to settle, from their commencement to their conclusion.

People with average incomes are often unable to afford to meet legal costs in the waiting period.

## Payment on Settlement

Because personal injuries can cause loss of earnings, many injured people cannot afford to meet legal costs before settlement. If we believe that we can win a personal injuries action on your behalf, we will consider foregoing costs until settlement or verdict of your case. It is our way of putting our own money where our mouth is.

## Legal Costs

Our **"No Result - No Charge"** policy is conditional upon your continuing to instruct Maddens Lawyers. If you seek to transfer your claim to another solicitor, you will be required to pay all our professional costs and disbursements, before transfer of your file.

Legal costs can be broken up into the following parts:

1. Professional costs, which we earn for the legal work which we have undertaken on your behalf and for our care, attention, skill and responsibility associated with your claim;

2. Disbursements, which are the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the firm in preparing your case. Without limiting the categories of disbursements, they may include stamp duty on the issue of proceedings, the cost of medical reports, barrister's fees, the reports of expert witnesses, daily court hearing fees, and witness fees.

In selected personal injury cases, Maddens Lawyers carry the expense of professional costs and disbursements needed to make good your case. In other cases we may require a client to pre-pay all or some disbursements.

The legal costs and disbursements of the successful party are usually charged to the losing party. We do not bear responsibility for those, if your case fails.

## Solicitor Own Client Costs and Disbursements

Even if your personal injury claim is successful, you will not recover all of your costs and disbursements. No Plaintiff does. The scales of costs and disbursements recoverable from a losing Defendant are never sufficient to pay for the whole of your legal bill.

However, at the time of any settlement offer or at verdict, we will indicate to you the amount of solicitor own client costs and disbursements to be borne from your settlement or verdict, so that you are aware of the net settlement sum available to you - clear of any professional costs and disbursements, prior to your agreeing to settle. You only pay solicitor own client costs and disbursements on a settlement or favourable verdict of a Court.

## Free First Attendance

Whatever the situation, we charge nothing for your first visit to our office. If you have any doubts or any questions, we invite you to call and see us to discuss your concerns. We will always be frank in giving you proper advice on the relative merits of your case, and on any matters which cause your concern. Of course, there is no obligation to proceed with your claim after this first interview.

## Personal Injury Lawyers

Our legal team has the knowledge and skill to help you obtain maximum financial compensation for your personal injury. It is lead by:

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