



Overview : Legal Glossary



An A-Z of some commonly used terms within the sector

ATE

After the event insurance. This insurance is purchased to cover the Defendant's legal costs should your claim not be successful.

Application Notice

A Court document served on the other side applying to a Judge for an Order.

Barrister

A Lawyer who provides advice, drafts legal documents, and appears in Court in relation to specific legal points. Should your claim proceed to trial it will be a Barrister who will present your claim to the Court.

Bill Of Costs

A document setting out your Legal Advisor's fees for conducting your claim. This will be presented to the Defendants at the end of your claim.

BTE

Before the Event Legal Expense insurance. This type of insurance is usually an added benefit of existing insurance (e.g. Car insurance or household contents insurance). In certain circumstances this may cover a Medical Negligence Claim.

Case Management Conference

A Court Hearing before a Master or District Judge when Proceedings have been issued. At this Hearing a timetable will be set for your claim.

CFA

After the event insurance. This insurance is purchased to cover the Defendant's legal costs should your claim not be successful.

Chambers

After the event insurance. This insurance is purchased to cover the Defendant's legal costs should your claim not be successful.

Claim Form

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C-P

Conference

A meeting between you, your advisors and the experts

Consultation

A meeting involving a QC

Counsel

Another term for a Barrister

Defence

The Court document in which the Defendant pleads their case.

Disbursements

Expenses incurred whilst investigating your claim e.g. medical records or expert reports..

District Judge

A Judge that sits in the County Court and is involved in the management of your claim pre-trial.

Interim Payment

A sum of money paid by the Defendant whilst your claim is ongoing. This will be taken into account when calculating the final payment to be made to you.

Law Society

The body that represents Solicitors.

Legal Executive

A qualified Lawyer specialising in one area of law.

Limitation

The time limits in which a claim must be brought.

Litigation Friend

A person who brings a claim on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person.

Master

A District Judge working in the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

NHSLA

The NHS Litigation Authority. The government body that deals with claims against NHS Trusts.

Part 36 Payment / Offer

A formal offer to settle your claim made either by your advisors or the Defendant. There are costs consequences in relation to these offers.

Particulars of Claim

The Court document setting out the allegations you are making against the Defendant.



Q-S

Quantum

The value of your compensation.

QC

Queen's Counsel: An experienced, senior, Barrister

Schedule of Loss

The Court document setting out what you are claiming.

Settlement

An agreement between parties to settle a claim.

Silk

Another term for a QC.

Special Damages

Damages in respect of financial losses.

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