



PERSONAL INJURY

Recent work

- Advising on incidents where there has been personal injury and/or death. This includes liaising with ship owners and their agents, interviewing crew and liaising with authorities (including police, MAIB and health, safety and environment authorities) and participation in inquiries. This can also involve advising ship owners on the procedure for Coroner's Inquests and assisting them if they have to attend and give evidence before the Coroner.
- Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations.
- Providing specialist protocols on cases involving serious amputation injuries/issues (including paediatric limb-loss injuries) which require knowledge of the prosthetics sector and rehabilitation requirements.
- Advising clients on assessment of liability and dealing with both employers' liability and public liability cases whether any of the international conventions can apply to limit the cases against them. For example, if the Athens Convention applies in passenger injury cases and if so, the effect it will have.
- Advising ship owners on how to deal with mental and physical injuries suffered by crews following piracy incidents, assisting Owners to defend any subsequent claims for damages for physical injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Applicable regulations

Understanding and advising on:

- Manual Handling Operations Regulation
- Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations
- Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations
- Employee Liability (Defective Equipment) Act
- Package Travel Regulations
- Merchant Shipping (Hatches and Lifting Plant) Regulations
- Merchant Shipping (Guarding of Machinery and Safety of Electrical Equipment) Regulations
- Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Manual Handling Operations) Regulations
- Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998
- Maritime Labour Convention
- Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations.

Applicable statutes

- Occupiers Liability Act
- Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act
- Fatal Accidents Act.

Applicable courts

- County Court
- High Court
- Coroners Court
- Jurisdictions & Law include:
 - Europe: England, Scotland, Iceland, France, Belgium, Malta, Greece, Turkey
 - Americas and The Caribbean: USA, Costa Rica, Curaçao, Dominican Republic
 - APAC: Philippines, Thailand
 - Africa: Cameroon, Napata.

Defendant only defence of actions of all levels of seriousness, from minor slips and trips to fatalities.

What our clients say about us

“HFW IS PARTICULARLY ASTUTE IN HANDLING CASUALTY RESPONSE ACROSS ITS OFFICES.”

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