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Injury, illness and people



A Natural Partner for Operators and Insurers

Davies Johnson offers the marine, transport and insurance sectors a fresh approach to claims, litigation and dispute resolution.

Our clients get the first-class expertise and service they expect from a specialised firm, while our modern structure means you get that expertise without having to pay for the baggage and overheads of traditional providers.

Providing a full range of defence solutions to the insurance sector, Davies Johnson responds to the needs of today's market for quality, flexibility and cost-effectiveness.

Maritime injury & illness experts

Davies Johnson has been a marine and transport firm since its creation. The firm's solicitors act on behalf of some of the biggest operators in the marine, logistics, energy and insurance markets.

This means that the firm is experienced in uniquely maritime matters which mainstream personal injury firms do not see, involving a wide variety of parties and circumstances

- Crewmembers
- Passengers
- Stevedores
- Visitors, invitees, pilots and surveyors
- Contractors, Charterer's reps, riding crew and supernumeraries
- Claims arising from cargo and container damage during sea passage

Serious capability

The team is built around a strong focus on defendant injury and disease, casualty and regulatory work, with all the supporting expertise needed by marine operators and insurers in today's sensitive, highly regulated environment

The firm has the skills to support operators and prepare them for claims and litigation, and then to defend and negotiate matters at all levels, efficiently and cost-effectively

Expertise

- Injury and accident on board and ashore
- Illness incidents and outbreaks, eg. gastro, norovirus, legionnaires
- Catastrophic and complex injury specialists
- Psychiatric injury and PTSD
- Occupational disease- asbestos, NIHL, HAVS
- Passenger liabilities and limitation under Athens Convention
- Travel law and EU Package Travel Regs
- Costs negotiation and assessment

Experience

- Pre-action, litigation, mediation and ADR
- Defence and settlement within MOJ Portal
- Arbitration under crew contracts and passenger ticket conditions
- Pursuit of indemnity from third parties under contract
- Coroner's inquests and public inquiries
- Fraud investigation and surveillance

Casualty

- On-board attendance to protect Owner's interests
- Investigation, crew statements and documentary evidence
- Accident investigation by MAIB
- Response to Flag State inquiries and investigations
- Expert witness- engineering and navigation

Regulatory

- Safety fines and prosecutions by MCA and HSE
- Labour disputes, working conditions, MLC 2006 compliance
- Port State Control sanctions and detentions
- Immigration fines and stowaways
- Customs and sanitary fines

Specialist support

Davies Johnson recognises that these specialised areas of law require more than just technical skill. The firm combines its marine perspective with deep knowledge of people-related matters to create a range of specialist, value-added services

- Crew contracts and CBAs
- Passenger ticket conditions
- Cruise and passenger cancellation, curtailment and itinerary changes
- Crew management contracts
- Injury rehabilitation and medical case management

Fee arrangements

Davies Johnson recognises the constant pressure on operators and insurers, to control costs and get the best value from legal spend. The firm's lean, modern structure means we can offer a wide variety of fee options and tailored arrangements, meeting the particular needs of the client's caseload without compromising on quality

- Fixed, capped and collared fees for Portal, pre-litigation and advisory work
- Staged fees for litigation and arbitration
- Risk sharing arrangements for recoveries and subrogation
- Retainers and packages for longer-term schemes
- Competitive hourly rates for individual matters

The Team



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After an active career in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, Patrick spent several years in the offshore supply sector before qualifying as a solicitor with a major UK marine firm. After working with a leading marine liability mutual, Patrick started a successful claims and casualty management company, handling caseloads for both the mutual and commercial markets and working on several high-profile casualties. He is the Head of Legal Practice for Davies Johnson and is also an accredited Mediator.



ALAN STOREY
Solicitor

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Alan qualified as a solicitor in 1992, and has specialised in complex injury and occupational disease litigation for over twenty years. Based in Newcastle, Alan leads our occupational disease team as well as providing legal advice on employer, public, travel and motor claims, and general commercial litigation.



FIONA CHAPMAN
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Fiona is a Chartered legal executive, specialising in injury and occupational disease claims. Based in Newcastle, Fiona handles caseloads for EL and PL insurers, run-off vehicles facing long-tailed legacy liabilities, and commercial operators in the industrial, transport and logistics sectors. Fiona also specialises in cross-border claims, handling matters in Scotland and Northern Ireland at the pre-litigation level.

The Team



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Howard was admitted as a Solicitor in 2008 and as a Solicitor Advocate (Civil Higher Rights Qualification) in 2010. Howard is instructed by P&I Clubs and commercial insurers, concentrating on marine casualties, injuries/fatalities and regulatory matters including MCA and HSE prosecutions. He also advises the fishing and yacht sectors in actions involving the MMO, MCA, MAIB, Defra and EA.



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Iain qualified as a solicitor in 2003, following a long career at sea which saw him rise to the rank of Chief Engineer. As one of very few Chief Engineers to move into legal practice, Iain is uniquely placed to guide ship owners and underwriters on casualties, equipment failures and other technical claims. He has attended several high-profile casualties and acts as an expert witness on marine technical matters.



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Nick studied medicine at London University and, after qualifying, spent 10 years as a junior hospital doctor, predominantly in the North East of England, before reading law at Newcastle University. Admitted as a solicitor in 1998 he practised for 15 years in the field of clinical negligence at two leading law firms in Newcastle. Nicholas is a member of The Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists and the Newcastle upon Tyne Incorporated Law Society.



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A Registered General Nurse, Helen joined the firm in 2015 having worked previously as a disability case analyst, strengthening the team's medical oversight and case management capacity.

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