

Welcome to the latest edition of our industrial disease newsletter. At Stephenson's we have a dedicated team of solicitors who can help you to bring legal action if you are suffering from a disease or illness caused or made worse by your working environment. This issue includes:

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Mesothelioma - symptoms, diagnosis and treatment

Mesothelioma is a type of cancer which mainly affects the lining of the lungs. Nearly all cases of mesothelioma are caused by exposure to asbestos fibres which can easily get stuck in and damage the lungs, and whilst this may not cause any problems straight away, it can lead to a diagnosis of mesothelioma decades later.

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Living with asbestosis - industrial disease compensation claims

Alan Woodfinden's working life started when he was only 15 years old, and for the majority of his career he worked in the building industry. Later in life Alan was experiencing breathing difficulties and after consulting with medical professionals was diagnosed with the condition asbestosis.



Asbestosis is a lung disease resulting from the inhalation of asbestos particles, it usually develops around 20-30 years after you have breathed in dust in the course of your work.

In this video Alan shares his experience and talks about how he found working with the industrial disease specialists at Stephensons to pursue a claim for compensation.

Specialist solicitor Clare Gammond talks about the process of making a claim for compensation following the diagnosis of an industrial disease as well as sharing her pride at being able to help people like Alan achieve justice and a successful outcome.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with a work related lung disease such as mesothelioma or asbestosis our industrial disease experts may be able to help you to make a claim for compensation. To discuss your situation contact us on 0333 344 4771 or visit our website for more information on [work related lung diseases](#) and to find out more about how we may be able to help you and your family.

Industrial hearing loss - our recent cases

We recently settled a hearing loss claim for a client who used to be a vehicle mechanic in the army. A civil damages claim was brought against the Ministry of Defence and despite the client not using any firearms and being based at many different locations both in the UK and abroad, we were able to show on balance that he would have been sufficiently exposed to noise in that role.

Another recent cases involved a hearing loss claim for a female factory worker at the former Schweppes bottling plant in Aintree, Liverpool. Our client worked there in the 1970's when glass bottles were the norm, and they would make a constant loud 'rattling' sound as they moved along the busy production lines. Our client was never given any hearing protection and only began to experience symptoms much later on in life, when the noise damage caused decades ago had combined with the effects of the age-related wear and tear we will all experience.

If you or a loved one has suffered hearing loss and believe that it may have been caused by the failure of your employer, past or present, to provide you with equipment to prevent such injury occurring call our experts on **0333 344 4771** or [email us](#), leaving your contact details, and we will be

in touch with you as soon as possible to discuss your situation and whether you have grounds for compensation. Visit our website for more information on [industrial hearing loss claims](#).

What others say about us

Legal 500

The Legal 500 is the leading guide to law firms and solicitors in the UK and our team received a tier four ranking in the latest edition. See what they said about us below:

"Stephensons Solicitors LLP has the 'client at the forefront of its mind; the team will not compromise on quality and provides a timely and professional service to clients while ensuring that the client has at all times a good understanding of the process and the desired outcomes'. The 'honest, caring, knowledgeable, professional and passionate' **Kate Sweeney** leads the personal injury team and 'always shows a genuine interest in what is best for the accident victim'. The 'very supportive and understanding' **Danielle Callaway** (a senior associate) is also recommended.

Rebecca Dawber (also a senior associate) is 'proactive and very effective; she understands the importance of rehabilitation to her clients as well'. The practice is best known for representing clients in serious accidents at work, public liability and road traffic accident cases involving complex or fatal injuries. It has several niche areas of expertise such as advising on foreign accidents, amputations and industrial disease claims."

The Times Best Law Firms 2019

The Times Best Law Firms 2019 is the inaugural and comprehensive list of the leading law firms as recommended by peers and clients. In addition to being featured, Stephensons' personal injury and



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clinical negligence teams were also commended, which is a testimony to the work they do as only 30 clinical negligence and personal injury teams were included on the list.

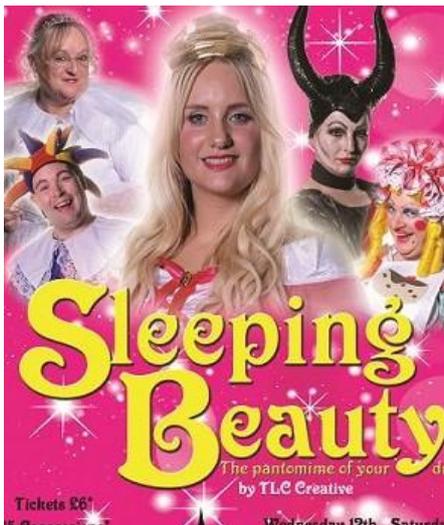
Our recent 'out of the office' activity

Our industrial disease specialists are usually busy working on claims in the office but often attend events and get involved with activities in the community to help support various charities. Here's what they have been up to since the last newsletter:



On the left is Clare Gammond, one of our industrial disease solicitors, volunteering at the Spooky Welly Walk in St. Helens in October for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

She has had a very busy couple of months as she also helped out at the three day giant spectacular in Liverpool.



Sarah Masters, industrial disease solicitor, has also had a busy couple of months out of the office as she has been preparing to play the leading role in a pantomime production of Sleeping Beauty at the Turnpike Theatre in Leigh.

Both Clare and Sarah have been out of the office keeping up to date with the latest in personal injury law. They attended a seminar at Manchester House held by 12 King's Bench Walk which included sessions on periodical damages payments and a case law update on the thorny issue of limitation.

Visit [Clare's](#) and [Sarah's](#) web profiles to find out more about how they help victims of industrial disease.

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