

Choosing a specialist catastrophic injury solicitor in East Anglia

The role of a specialist injury lawyer is to help an injured person, and their family, to get their lives back on track. That requires a combination of empathy, legal skills, understanding, interpersonal skills and perseverance not found in every law firm.

At Ashtons Legal this mix is at the heart of everything our Injury Services teams do. We are proud that the feedback we receive reflects this.

What independent industry commentators and clients say about Ashtons Legal:

The Team

Hannah Clarke maintains her reputation as a leading lawyer in catastrophic injury cases, with a focus on fatal accidents, amputee claims and severe spinal injuries. She is a specialist in acting for children with traumatic brain injuries.

Richard Foyster is Head of Personal Injury at Ashtons Legal and specialises in high value workplace and employer's liability claims. He represents clients in road traffic accidents, recent work includes obtaining a settlement of over £4m for a young man who suffered brain injuries and a number of orthopaedic injuries in a road traffic accident.

Tom Ranson advises on all aspects of injury litigation but has a particular interest in complex causation cases, typically those involving spinal injury, psychiatric trauma, chronic pain and traumatic brain injury.

Siobhan Thacker centres her practice on complex or life-changing cases encompassing spinal injury, fatal accidents and brain injury claims.

Mick Upton is ranked as a "next generation lawyer" in Legal 500 2018. He has a wealth of experience in handling complex claims and has built a reputation for investigating and relentlessly pursuing cases where liability is difficult.

Michael Wangermann represents clients who have sustained injuries which can be medically complex and challenging, giving rise to chronic pain and subtle brain injuries. He has a particular interest in cycling accidents, accidents abroad and he has represented and supported families following fatal accidents.

Chambers & Partners

Chambers has given the team a Band 1 listing for over 15 years and the current edition says that it is known for:

"Impressive strength in handling catastrophic and fatal injury claims, including a focus on brain injuries sustained by children. Also acts on cases such as industrial disease and motorcycle claims. Increasingly active in accidents abroad. Further strengthened by its specialist Court of Protection team."

The Legal 500

The team has had a top tier listing in the Legal 500 for over 20 years. In the current edition they say:

Ashtons Legal 'never leaves anything to chance and gets results both medically and financially'. Clients also note that 'it gives a more attentive service than you might get at a bigger PI firm.'

A leading light is **Hannah Clarke**, who specialises in catastrophic injury claims with an emphasis on fatal incidents, amputations, spinal injuries, psychiatric injuries and traumatic brain injuries.

She is 'first rate for complex and high-value claims; she is never satisfied with second best and is always pressing to ensure the best result for her client.' The firm's many respected practitioners include associate **Siobhan Thacker**, who stands out for her 'client care, attention to detail and keen strategic judgement.'

Endorsements include:

'Very smart and very capable' head of personal injury Richard Foyster has 'an admirable grasp of the detail in a complicated task, and an empathy for his clients.'

Legal 500

"Richard and his team made some of the most difficult years of my life manageable. They were absolutely amazing and have changed my life for the better."

Ashtons Legal Client

The 'extremely helpful' Michael Wangermann is 'willing to take on unusual and risky cases.'

Legal 500

"Tom Ranson is a lawyer of outstanding knowledge, ability and professional integrity. Above all I have been struck by his compassion and sensitivity in dealing with complex cases, distressed clients but also their distressed and worried families."

Dr S Semb: Consultant Neuropsychologist

"Tom is absolutely dedicated..clearly outstanding in his field, professional, extremely hardworking, patient and a very honest and genuine person."

Ashtons Legal Client

"Mick Upton's been amazing, working very hard to get information and couldn't do more. Well done Mick, you've reassured an extremely happy mum."

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Legal 500

Known for its 'thoroughness and personal touch', Ashtons Legal is 'one of the best PI firms nationwide'. 'Committed and impressive lawyer' Hannah Clarke, who settled a £4m brain injury claim, is extremely intelligent, proactive and compassionate.'

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Siobhan Thacker is a 'strong negotiator and knows how to run a catastrophic injury claim.'

Legal 500

Ashtons Legal are:

- An APIL accredited personal injury practice (one of only four in East Anglia)
- Recommended by Headway UK
- Recommended by the United Kingdom Acquired Brain Injury Forum (UKABIF)
- A corporate member of, and recommended by, the Spinal Injuries Association (SIA).

More information

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