

CS2's Spencer joins working group on predictable damages

Leading reform advocate and claimant representative to help standardise the use of technology in assessing personal injury damages

Chesterfield, 26 May 2011: CS2 Lawyers, a personal injury practice, today announced that Director John Spencer has been named to a newly established Working Group tackling the issue of predictable damages in personal injury (PI) claims. The Group has been tasked with establishing the consistent and fair standardisation of technology in efforts to reduce the cost of claims.

Spencer joins other stakeholders representing the insurance, claimant, judiciary and technology perspectives to collectively establish a consistent and fair calibration of all existing software systems used to assess damages for pain, suffering and loss of amenity on personal injury claims up to £10,000. This mandate was established as a result of Lord Justice Jackson's 2010 report into Civil Litigation costs, which the Government has committed to implement in a recent Ministry of Justice response.

The Group will be chaired by Peter W. Smith, currently managing director of FirstAssist Legal Expenses Insurance Ltd. and member of the Civil Justice Council.

Commenting on his appointment, Spencer – who is a Fellow and recently elected member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Personal Injury Solicitors (APIL) and also serves as Vice Chairman of the Motor Accident Solicitors Society (MASS) – said:

"I am honoured to join this group and tackle this very important issue in the personal injury marketplace.

"Lord Justice Jackson saw predictable damages as an avenue through which access to justice could be increased and legal costs could be reduced, both laudable aims. I will work constructively within the Working Group to seek to deliver these aims, whilst also seeking to ensure that the rights of the accident victim are fully protected."

A qualified solicitor since 1985, John Spencer is a leading authority in the personal injury marketplace and a steadfast advocate for protection of claimants. He is a Law Society PI Panel member and is MASS' RTA Portal Co Director.

Notes to editor

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