

What our clients say about us

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ralph and Jessica for taking on my case and giving me an outcome that has given me back part of my life that was once lost in my mind. For this I will be forever indebted to both of you. The words “thank you” does not come close to expressing how grateful I am. Thank you both very much.”

“Dear Ralph, I just wanted to express my gratitude and sincerest thanks to you for all your hard work and your professionalism in dealing with my recent case. Mostly I would like to thank you for your compassion and kindness in taking my case on and representing me through the years. I am indebted to you!”

“Dear Ralph, On behalf of my husband and myself I want to thank you sincerely for your dedication and compassion over the last two/three years in dealing with my son’s case. It has been a long road, very painful at times, but now that we have come to the end of the road, with a very worthwhile outcome, I feel relieved and glad for my son – in that the award enables him to enjoy a higher standard of living than otherwise would have been possible.

Were it not for your encouraging and wise words on that initial phone call we would never have taken on the challenge.”

“Hi Jessica, On behalf of my dad and myself thank you very much for all your help when we were in court for the two days earlier this week. It was a frustrating time for all of us but you kept us up to date the whole time with what was going on, or not going on, as was unfortunately the case. Thanks also for finding the hotel for us it was first rate.

Please also pass on our thanks to Ralph, he too was very patient in explaining the goings on behind the scene. We also appreciated his efforts in finding us a taxi on the Tuesday. We are lucky to have the two of you on our side!”

“Ralph, you don’t realise how much we appreciate the work you have done for us. Words can not express our thanks to you and Jessica.”

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Ralph McMahon is a law graduate of University College, Dublin and qualified as a Solicitor in 1992. He set up in practice in 2001. He is an advisor to the board of Spinal Injuries Ireland. Ralph has been acting for Spinal Injuries Ireland and its members since 1993.



PARTNER

Jessica Goldrick is also a law graduate of University College, Dublin and qualified as a Solicitor in 2005. She has been working with Ralph for over ten years and now exclusively advises and represents clients with spinal cord injury and also clients who have ABIs. Jessica was appointed as a partner in 2008.

Our Mission Statement:

To provide a premium level of service to clients who have suffered a spinal cord injury

“ I have worked with Ralph for more than 15 years and it has been a pleasure to do so. He has acted for Spinal Injuries Ireland and its members since 1993. He acts as an advisor to the Board and is also a member of the Fundraising Committee and our Transitional Housing Programme Committee. Integrity and professionalism are assured and it is these qualities combined with his experience, and indeed that of his Partner Jessica Goldrick, that gives me total comfort when referring members to him. They go about their work with a total empathy for the member and of course this is also of crucial importance. I cannot recommend Ralph and Jessica highly enough. ”

Colm Whooley
CEO, Spinal Injuries Ireland



1. What is a spinal injury claim?

A spinal injury claim arises when an individual pursues compensation for a spinal injury, initially through the Personal Injuries Assessment Board and thereafter through the Courts.

2. Do I have a case?

You must be able to show that someone else is at least in part to blame for the injuries that you have suffered. You must also show that the person owes you a legal duty of care.

The law does not compensate people who are involved in 'pure' accidents where, within the true meaning of the word, no-one is to blame. For example, the fact that you were injured at work does not automatically mean that your employer will have to compensate you.

3. How can I find out if I have a spinal injury case?

The answer is to call us on 01 8898580. At Ralph McMahon, Solicitors we will not think that you are wasting our time. You should seek our advice as you may be surprised at the outcome. We operate an unlimited free initial advice service, so you have nothing to lose in finding out about your rights. We also meet clients in their homes.

4. What compensation will I receive?

Each individual claim is unique. If you are successful you will be awarded compensation. Compensation is awarded under a number of different headings which include:

- Compensation for your pain and suffering; and
- Compensation for your financial losses from the date of the accident (eg: loss of earnings and medical expenses); and
- Your on-going expenses into the future. Compensation for future losses are the most complicated and require the input of various experts. Such losses can include loss of earnings into the future, on-going nursing care, the cost of special aids and equipment, including their maintenance and replacement into the future.

5. What can we do for you?

We work as committed Solicitors to minimise wherever possible the pressures and fears that are associated with spinal injuries.

Our service is borne from experience and understanding. That approach allows us to listen to our clients and provide them with the support and advice that they require. Our extensive experience allows us to assist our clients through the litigation process while they and their families adjust to the life changing injury.

We will:

- Investigate your case and establish if you have a case;
- Process your case through the Personal Injuries Assessment Board and thereafter pursue the matter through the Courts;
- Engage the appropriate experts and prepare your claim for hearing and provide you with experience, understanding and expertise to make the process an easy one.

6. What will this cost me?

In the event that we undertake to take a case on your behalf or to investigate as to whether you have a case, no fee will be requested of you and your claim will be funded by Ralph McMahon, Solicitors. No deduction is made from the client's settlement monies at the conclusion of any successful claim save for any small shortfalls that may be due to experts that have been retained on your behalf and which have not been recovered from the Defendant.

- * **Note 1:** A claimant has to discharge his own costs in relation to any claims that are processed through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal for injuries arising from an assault.
- * **Note 2:** In the event that a settlement offer is made to include costs, Ralph McMahon, Solicitors will advise the client as to what those costs are prior to any settlement being concluded so that the client makes a fully informed decision in relation to their settlement.