



Accident at Work – Case Study

Damages for severe hand injuries arising from accident at work

Our client v His Employer

Date of Settlement – February 2017

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Facts:

42 year old Claimant sustained injury during the course of his work as a Casting Operative in a steelworks (steelware manufacturing).

The Claimant sustained permanent serious injury to his right hand when it was caught in the machine on which he was working. The third and ring fingers of his injured hand had to be amputated and the index finger was severely and irreparably damaged.

His capacity for work and standing on the labor market were permanently impaired.

Evidence:

We instructed experts to prepare reports for the Claimant with regard to:

Consultant Plastic and Hand Surgeon (causation and quantum of loss)

Consultant Prosthetist (quantum of loss)

Consultant Psychologist (causation and quantum of loss)

Occupational Health Expert (causation and quantum of loss)

The Proceedings:

The claim was settled following court proceedings.

Settlement:

The claim settled for a value of **£320,000** gross plus costs.