PRE-SETTLEMENT EXPERT IFA SERVICES

We offer a suite of services for law firms and barristers to apply over the course of a client's case. Covering key financial aspects of a claim, our expertise can assist you and your client throughout the litigation process.

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Periodical Payments
At Nestor, we have many years’ experience advising on Periodical Payments. Settlements involving Periodical Payments are far from straightforward, and we offer an expert witness service to assist in this complex area of law and financial planning.

We have built a strong reputation acting for both claimants and defendants in high value claims.

Our level of knowledge in such cases is second to none and we have invested in systems that allow us to provide up-to-date advice on whether Periodical Payments are appropriate.

Our expert witness Periodical Payment service includes:
• Periodical Payments versus lump sum analysis
• Format of the award
• Appropriate indexation
• Case conference attendance
• Advice on settlement strategies and negotiations
• Expert evidence at trial

Personal Injury Trusts
Many Personal Injury claimants are in receipt of welfare benefits, or may become entitled to state support over the course of their lifetime.

If claimants do not receive appropriate advice about the use of Personal Injury Trusts, their benefits may be affected upon receipt of a damages award. We can advise in plain, straightforward terms how best to manage payments and how to set up a structure that protects the best interests of claimants.

Legal advisers have a duty to inform claimants of the option to set up a Trust in order to protect entitlement to means-tested state benefits.

We can assist by providing a free written assessment for all clients, and then, if a Trust is viable, arrange a suitably worded Trust Deed, establish a Trustee bank account and deal with the local Benefits Agency, both now and in years to come. Moving forward, we can also offer cash and investment advice to suit the client’s needs.

Welfare Benefits Advice
Personal Injury can have profound and often devastating effects, not just on the injured party, but also on their family, friends and work.

The impacts of the aftermath of an injury can be complex, and may include medical needs, litigation, rehabilitation and financial affairs.

Families often find themselves under financial pressure as a result of Personal Injury and have to navigate the complex welfare benefits system.

- We can smooth the process of dealing with multiple benefits from several agencies
- We offer a benefits health check service to make sure that clients are receiving all the payments to which they are entitled
- We offer assistance with claiming the correct benefits and managing application processes
- We provide representation at appeals and tribunal hearings and assist in overturning unjust decisions by applying expert knowledge of welfare benefit law

We will stand by clients from the very beginning of the process and be there at every stage as required. We aim to ensure that claimants get the best results possible, with peace of mind and confidence in our skills and experience.

Forensic Accountancy - Loss of Earnings
Claims for loss of earnings in Personal Injury cases can be complex and challenging, particularly when they involve the self-employed, family businesses or employments with variable components such as bonuses or commission.

To help with negotiations and settlement of cases, we provide thorough calculations and reports from the financial evidence. We aim to provide this as clearly as possible and at any stage of the claim process. We have considerable experience and expertise in advising on evidence and disclosure, providing alternative calculations for different scenarios, letters or reports for disclosure, advising in conference and giving expert evidence.

Forensic Accountancy - Loss of Pension
Depending on the age of the claimant or their employment, pension calculations may be an important part of the losses to be quantified. There has been, and continues to be, many changes to state and private pensions, including changes to the way pensions based on final salary are calculated, lifetime allowances and the rising state pension retirement age.

Again, to help with negotiations and settlement, we provide thorough calculations and reports from the financial evidence, set out as clearly as possible. We have considerable experience and expertise in all types of pensions.

At Nestor, we are aware of budgeting requirements and the need to control costs. We are happy to discuss cases and review papers in order to provide a fee estimate before we are instructed.