

## **Explanation of Words Used**

### **Advocacy**

Appearing for you at court hearings.

### **Basic charges**

Our charges for the legal work we do on your claim for damages.

### **Claim**

Your demand for damages for personal injury whether or not court proceedings are issued.

### **Counterclaim**

A claim that your opponent makes against you in response to your claim.

### **Damages**

Money that you win whether by a court decision or settlement.

### **Our disbursements**

Payment we make on your behalf such as:

- court fees;
- experts' fees;
- accident report fees;
- travelling expenses.

### **Interim damages**

Money that a court says your opponent must pay or your opponent agrees to pay while waiting for a settlement or the court's final decision.

### **Interim hearing**

A court hearing that is not final.

### **Lien**

Our right to keep all papers, documents, money or other property held on your behalf until all money due to us is paid. A lien may be applied after this agreement ends.

### **Lose**

The court has dismissed your claim or you have stopped it on our advice.

## **Part 36 offers or payments**

An offer to settle your claim made in accordance with Part 36 of the Civil Procedure Rules.

## **Provisional damages**

Money that a court says your opponent must pay or your opponent agrees to pay, on the basis that you will be able to go back to court at a future date for further damages if:

- you develop a serious disease; or
- your condition deteriorates;

in a way that has been proved or admitted to be linked to your personal injury claim.

## **Success fee**

The percentage of basic charges that we add to your bill if you win your claim for damages and that we will seek to recover from your opponent.

## **Trial**

The final contested hearing or the contested hearing of any issue to be tried separately and a reference to a claim concluding at trial includes a claim settled after the trial has commenced or a judgment.

## **Win**

Your claim for damages is finally decided in your favour, whether by a court decision or an agreement to pay you damages or in any way that you derive benefit from pursuing the claim.

'Finally' means that your opponent:

- is not allowed to appeal against the court decision; or
- has not appealed in time; or
- has lost any appeal.