

Consumer law and product safety

Food poisoning and allergy

Legal help following injury

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Why choose Leigh Day?

We are one of the most experienced team of specialist food safety lawyers in the UK.

People who have been injured need specialist legal support throughout their claim. They need this support as early as possible as food-related legal claims can be extremely complex.

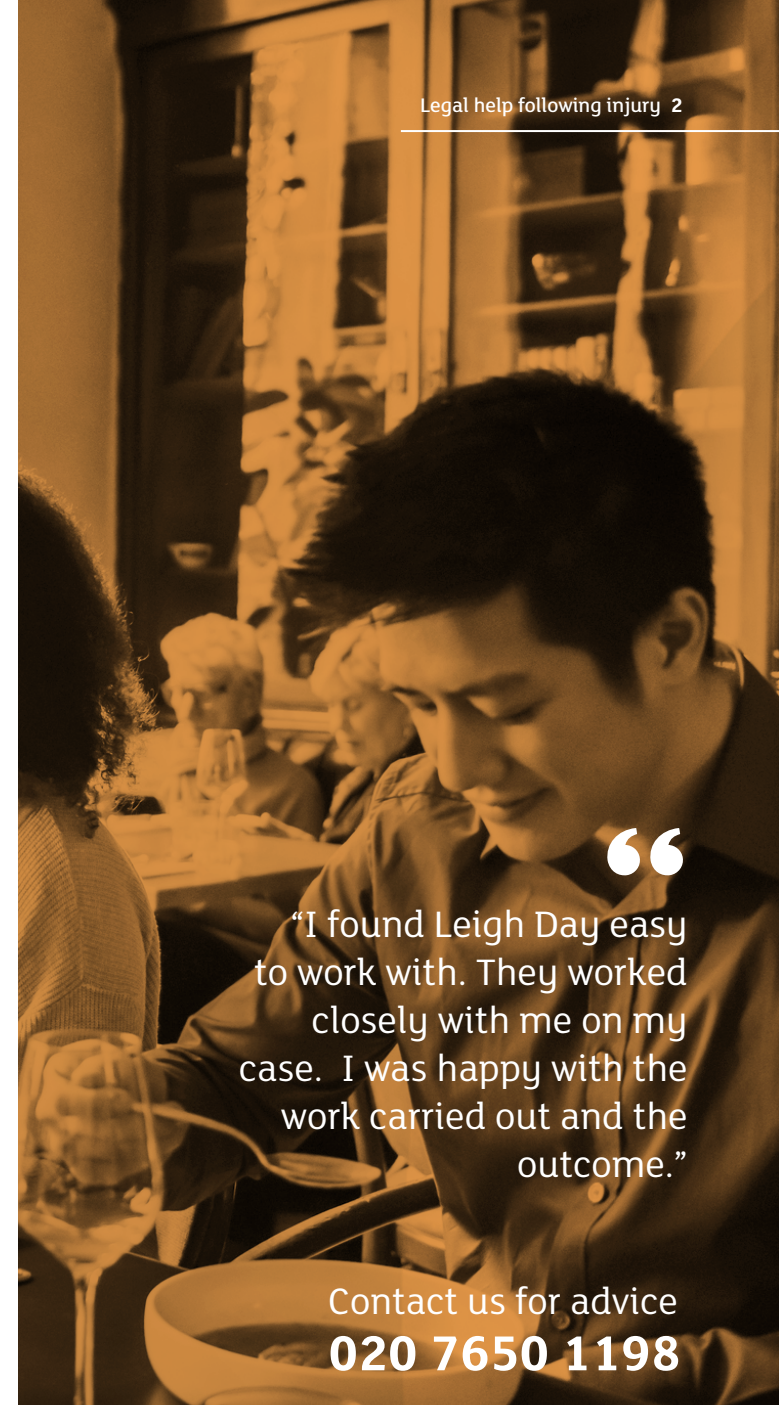
If you or a family member have been injured, speak to us and we will guide you through the legal process.

Our input can have a hugely positive impact on your future, especially when provided early in the claim. We are here to help you and your family.

Contact us to find out more about how we can help you on a no-obligation basis and in strict confidence on the number below. One of my specialist team or I will be pleased to answer any queries you may have.



Michelle Victor
Partner and Head of the Food Safety Team in London



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“I found Leigh Day easy to work with. They worked closely with me on my case. I was happy with the work carried out and the outcome.”

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Your questions answered

We are happy to answer any queries you may have in person or over the phone.

These are some of the questions we are often asked about when clients are making a claim following an injury. For anything else, or to discuss a potential claim, please contact us on the number below.

How do I make a claim?

Contact us on **020 7650 1198** as soon as possible to find out whether you can make a claim.

You will be asked a series of questions by a member of our specialist team. We will then assess whether you have a claim and this initial consultation is free of charge.

Most of our cases are taken on a 'no win, no fee' basis, otherwise known as a conditional fee agreement. Alongside this, you will need after the event insurance which we will arrange for you.

Before agreeing to take a claim forward we will explain fully how your claim is funded.

Usually if your claim is successful, the other side, (the defendant) pays your legal costs, with a capped percentage coming from your compensation award.

Generally, if your claim is unsuccessful, you will not need to pay any legal costs.

How long do I have to make a claim?

It is usually three years from the time when you were injured or the date of diagnosis of a disease.

Some clients are regarded as Protected Parties, who do not have mental capacity to act on their own behalf in the litigation. Special time limits apply to children and Protected Parties and we have specialist lawyers who have vast experience representing such clients.

How long will it take?

Every case is different, but we aim to bring a case to its earliest conclusion, whilst insuring all of the evidence needed to prove the claim is obtained. We also attempt to ensure that any expenses and losses

you face are covered by interim payments where possible. These payments can cover the costs of specialist care and therapies during rehabilitation, loss of earnings etc which is why getting legal help as soon as possible is key. Cases can take years to fully conclude, but throughout your claim our aim is to keep you updated and where possible, facilitate financial support via interim payments.

Will I have to go to court?

Most cases are settled before attending court for a trial becomes necessary. The expertise of the team, from many years of bringing claims on behalf of those who have suffered injury, means that we will secure the evidence and the expert opinion to fight your corner. We aim to ensure that you receive justice and compensation for your injuries as soon as possible.

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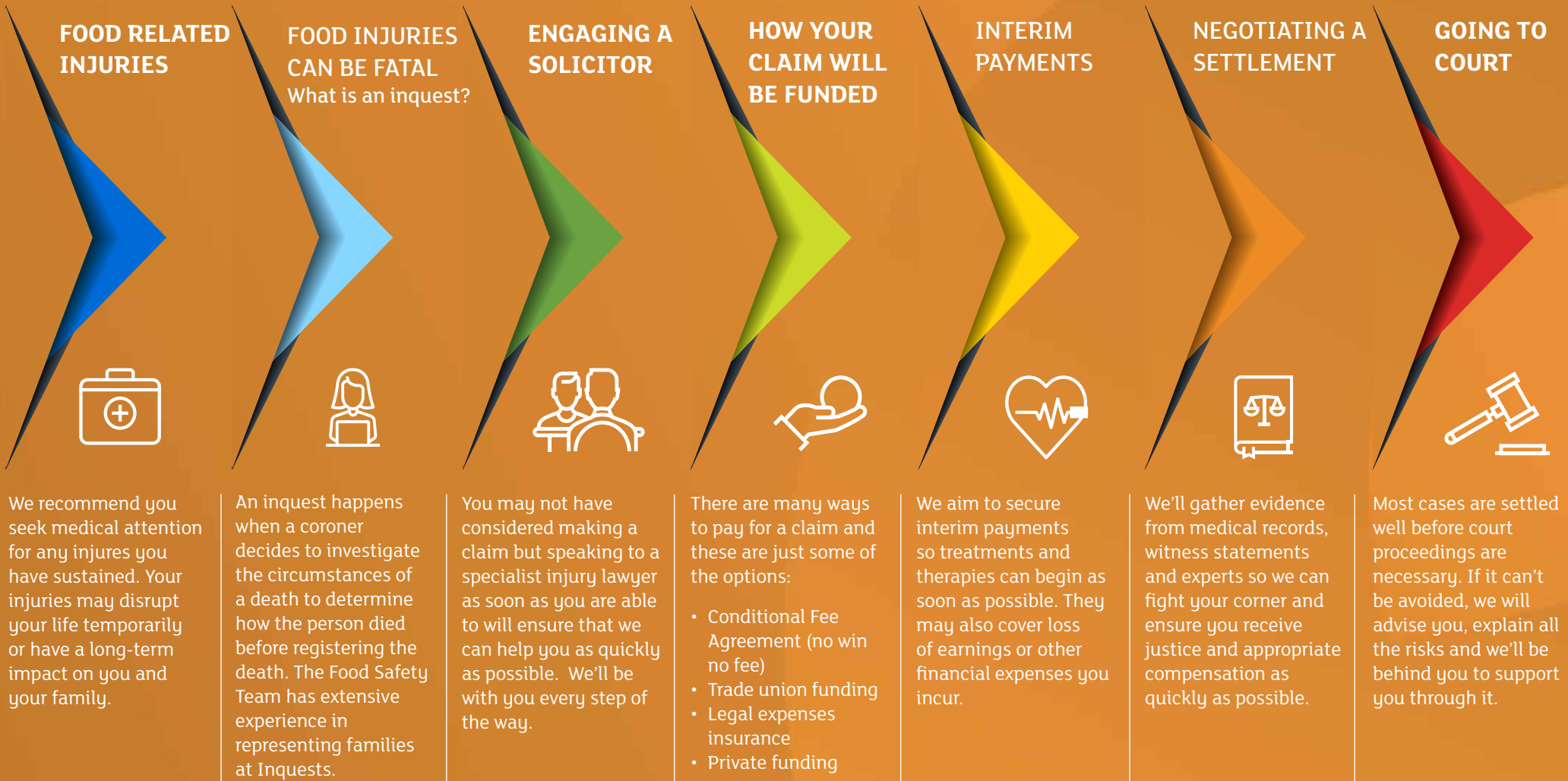
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Your food safety team

Leigh Day’s food safety team is led by Michelle Victor. She is a leading consumer rights lawyer and head of the food safety team in London.

Michelle is one of the UK’s most eminent food safety lawyers having acted for families in a number of high profile fatal and catastrophic injury food poisoning and food allergy cases.

We are one of the most experienced teams of specialist food safety injury lawyers in the UK and have led the way in this area of law. We have represented many clients in a number of high profile cases and have been instrumental in bringing about legislative changes to provide greater protection to consumers.

We recognise that our input can have a hugely positive impact on your lives. We are here to help you and your family. You can call us now to find out more about how we can help you on a completely no-obligation basis and in the strictest confidence.



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TrustScore 4.7

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“We appointed Leigh Day for my daughter’s food allergy claim. They did an outstanding job in managing the process, dealing with the various parties involved and keeping us informed along the way. They were so great to deal with - would 100% recommend them to others”



“My claim was dealt with by Angela Bruno. Her advice was excellent and she achieved a settlement for me which comfortably exceeded my expectations. I am a very satisfied client.”



“Leigh Day led us through the whole process of achieving a satisfactory settlement. The various people who worked with us were always approachable and helpful.”



“Leigh Day have supported us every step of the way in what has been a lengthy, time-consuming and frustrating legal battle in a food poisoning claim with our wedding venue. They have been excellent communicators since the very first point of contact, keeping us regularly updated via email, post and telephone calls. We have now, after 4 years of teamwork, won our case and we are eternally grateful for all the help the Leigh Day team gave us throughout the case and especially in the final stages to negotiate a settlement.”



“A very professional and helpful service. The staff at Leigh Day were excellent in dealing with my case. I would recommend the company highly.”



“Leigh Day have been proactively pursuing our food poisoning case for the past few years. The case is quite complex, the lawyer who we have had the most liaisons with has been thorough, researching and ensuring the case was factually correct. We received a fair settlement for what has been a difficult time. Leigh Day kept us up to date with the progress and different stages of our case whilst having a sympathetic ear on the end of the phone. I would recommend Leigh Day to assist with food related claims. They have been very helpful with ours.”



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Natasha's Story

Leigh Day represents Nadim and Tanya Ednan-Laperouse, the parents of 15-year old Natasha Ednan-Laperouse, who died from anaphylaxis due to inadequate allergen labelling protocols.

Natasha's Inquest highlighted the deficiencies of the Regulations. The Coroner, Dr Sean Cummings, wrote to Michael Gove, Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, requesting a review of the Regulations. The Regulations required an urgent amendment to compel food businesses to list all ingredients, including allergen information. Leigh Day supported the Ednan-Laperouse family in calling for 'Natasha's Law' to be implemented.

In January 2019, after meeting with Natasha's family and members of the Leigh Day food safety team, Environment Secretary Michael Gove announced the launch of a consultation into food labelling laws. This focused on overhauling the labelling of pre-prepared foods, which are made, packaged and sold in-store.

Mr Gove said:

"Natasha's parents have suffered a terrible loss, and I want to pay tribute to Nadim and Tanya for their inspirational work to deliver Natasha's law.

"We want to ensure that labels are clearer and that the rules for businesses are more consistent - so that allergy sufferers in this country can have confidence in the safety of their food."

Nadim and Tanya Ednan-Laperouse, assisted by the Leigh Day food safety team, secured legislative changes to allergen food labelling law. Natasha's law came into effect on 01st October 2021 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, will require food businesses to provide full ingredient lists and allergen labelling on foods packaged for sale on the premises.



Natasha



Natasha with her family



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Philip's Story

Leigh Day is instructed by Philip Earlam, who has been diagnosed with Miller Fisher syndrome.

This is a nerve disease characterised by muscle weakness and abnormal muscle coordination, paralysis of the eye muscles, absence of the tendon reflexes and respiratory failure. Mr Earlam contracted the syndrome following food poisoning at a work event. Unfortunately, Mr Earlam's case is not rare, and food poisoning incidents continue to be on the increase.

As the consequences of food poisoning vary, it is essential for individuals and food establishments to be vigilant when it comes to food hygiene. This ensures that food is safe and fit for human consumption; otherwise, the consequences of falling standards can be fatal. Consumers must have confidence in the food they consume.

We believe that increased government funding for enforcement agencies to uphold food safety laws, enforcing the law for those breaching food safety laws will achieve this.



Philip Earlam

[Philip's story](#) 



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Unlike other law firms, we act exclusively for claimants who have been injured or treated unlawfully by others.

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