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Collision with an Uninsured, Untraced, or Foreign Registered driver, all is not lost

The Motor Insurers Bureau (MIB) are a government run body, funded by the insurance companies, designed and set up to deal specifically with Road Traffic Collisions that involve a driver that is either uninsured, untraced, or a foreign registered vehicle.

There are around 29,971 accidents per year, as shown in the 2009 figures, that are caused by uninsured and untraced drivers leaving the victims of these accidents with a damaged vehicle causing financial strain for repairs as well as, in many situations, some form of personal injury.

The injury can vary dependant upon the severity and the nature of the collision. The injury could range from a minor soft tissue injury to the neck region, commonly known as a whiplash type injury, to the more severe injuries such as broken bones, head injuries that could cause brain damage, or even a fatality. All of which can add further stress and worry to a victim, especially if they feel that something should be able to be done and, without the correct legal advice or representation, many do not know that there is a form of recourse.

The personal injury aspect of these accidents is where Moore Blatch Resolve can help out, giving the legal advice and assistance to any victim of such an accident and ensuring that our client gets not only the correct compensation for their injuries, but recovers as much of their financial loss as possible whilst also ensuring that the client is as close to full health as possible following the accident.

There is also the foreign vehicle aspect. With the UK roads open to more and more foreign vehicles

importing and exporting goods, the amount of accident caused by foreign vehicles is also on the up. In 2009 the MIB dealt with 19,956 claims against a foreign vehicle. The majority of the time, the foreign vehicle has a UK handling insurer to deal with the claim. Where this is not the case though, the MIB will take the claim on under their Green Card scheme. Again, many people do not realise that this is the situation and Moore Blatch Resolve is here to make sure that a victim of such an accident gets the correct legal advice and assistance in these matters.

To give an idea of the figures, in the UK uninsured and untraced drivers kill around 160 people and injure around 23,000 people per year costing the MIB millions. In 2009 the MIB paid out a total of £338.3 million because of the careless and negligent acts of uninsured and untraced drivers. In the situation of an uninsured driver, the MIB are able to reclaim the money from the person at fault directly, but an untraced driver cannot be tracked down to pay the money back.

With the new insurance law which is due to be implemented making it a legal requirement for vehicles to be insured unless the DVLA have been notified the vehicle has been declared off the road, it remains to be seen whether this will decrease the number of claims brought through the MIB.



Moore Blatch Resolve strengthens partnership

After announcing a successful financial year at the end of 2010, Moore Blatch Resolve, the personal injury specialists, is pleased to announce the promotion of talented senior solicitor, Anne Cassidy, to the firm's partnership.

A highly capable advocate, Anne originally studied biochemistry and medicine at St Thomas' Hospital and worked as a hospital doctor for two years after qualification. She then trained and qualified as a solicitor specialising in clinical negligence claims, covering both medicine and surgery.

Based at the firm's Southampton office, Anne's dual qualification has enabled her to successfully pursue a number of complex, high value claims on behalf of clients.

Commenting on Anne's promotion to partner, head of legal practice at Moore Blatch Resolve, Damian Horan said: "Anne has worked very hard to achieve some incredible results on behalf of clients. Her continued dedication has allowed the firm to build an outstanding reputation for this area of work and her promotion to partner is very well deserved."

Previously a partner at Capsticks, a leading defendant firm within this field, Anne has also defended clinical negligence claims made against the NHS.

Anne comments: "I am very pleased to be joining the partnership at Moore Blatch Resolve and look forward to continuing to provide a personal service to clients at what can often be a very difficult time."

Moore Blatch Resolve is the personal injury arm of Moore Blatch solicitors; Anne's new role will take the firm's total number of partners to twenty five.

SEABIF goes from strength to strength

The second meeting of SEABIF (South of England Acquired Brain Injury Forum) was well attended on 20 June at the offices of Moore Blatch in Southampton.

We were joined by guest speakers Antonio Belli, Neurological Surgeon, from Southampton University Hospital Trust who gave a fascinating talk on the topic of complications of mild brain injury.

We were also joined by Leena Hurloll of Moore Blatch Resolve an education law specialist who gave a talk relating to special educational needs and the statementing process.

Details and free copies of both talks can be obtained from the SEABIF Chair, Ciaran McCabe at ciaran.mccabe@mooreblatch.com.

SEABIF is now establishing itself as the main forum in the area for professional involved in neuro care and rehabilitation to meet and share ideas on a regular basis.

The next meeting will be held at Moore Blatch offices, 64 London Road, on 10 October at 3.00pm.

Our guest speaker at that meeting will be Dr Anba Soopramanien, Clinical Director at Glenside and Mr Andy Norman, Chief Executive at Glenside. They will be giving a talk about the Assisted Living Innovation Platform Trial.

The first meeting in 2012 will take at 3.00 pm on 22 March at Moore Blatch offices, 64 London Road, Southampton and the guest speaker on that date is Dr Champa Sumanasuriya, Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine.

SEABIF will be launching a website by the end of 2011 and we are in the process of compiling a directory of neurological services in our region. Any contributions in relation to this will be gladly received by Ciaran McCabe.

Moore Blatch Resolve expands RTA Team

A 35% increase in road traffic accident (RTA) claims has allowed Moore Blatch Resolve to recruit five new team members to meet considerable growing demand for this type of work.

The five new staff will be based at the firm's Southampton office and will help to continue to develop this area of work.

Caroline Browne and Michelle Halsall, who have both worked within the RTA team for three years, have also been promoted to managers. Going forward they will help to oversee the new team structure and will hold supervisory roles.

Moore Blatch Resolve RTA team manager, Lee Harris comments: "We are extremely pleased to welcome all five new members of the team and are confident that they will help the department to deliver an outstanding service to clients.

"We are also delighted to be able to promote Caroline and Michelle who have both worked hard on behalf of clients and I am sure they will continue to excel in their new roles."

Aaron Fruen, Charlotte Ward and Natasha Rowland will join the pre-issue litigation team as executives. Aaron is a graduate from the University of Plymouth where he completed his law degree and professional qualifications.

Charlotte is also a university graduate and successfully gained a First at De Montfort



University. She joins the team after spending time travelling around Australia and working for law firms abroad.

Natasha has over five years personal injury experience, having previously worked at an insurers. She will continue to build on her experience in the RTA team.

Tara Hills will be joining the post-issue team and has six years personal injury experience dealing with routine and more complex cases.

Maxine Ayriss is a litigation executive who has professional negligence experience and currently works for Moore Blatch. She will be moving to Moore Blatch Resolve and will work as part of the pre-issue RTA team.

The latest recruits will take the team to 19 people, making it one of the South's largest specialist teams dedicated to RTA claims.

August is National Road Victim Month, we are conducting a short survey and would really like to know your views on some motoring issues. Please click on the link attached and let us have your feedback - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MBResolve>

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