



Plexus Law Short listed for Fraud Award

Plexus Law in conjunction with RBS has been named as a finalist in this years' Post Magazine Insurance Fraud Awards in the Category of Counter Fraud Initiative of the Year – Personal Lines.

The Plexus and RBS short listing is as a result of the recent highly publicised Kirk v Walton case in which acting under instructions from RBSI subsidiary, NIG Insurance, Plexus Partner Jo Pizzala initiated the first private prosecution for Contempt of Court in a Civil Personal Injury action.

The decision to seek permission for the first time under Section 32.14 of the CPR was made against the background of our technical fraud lawyers seeing a large increase in claims for fibromyalgia, chronic pain/somatoform disorder being pleaded in the region of £1 million, which primarily related to claims for very significant care packages that would more commonly be pursued by Claimants with extensive and serious bodily injuries with long lasting consequences.

This case is the first of its kind in the Personal Injury Arena and is the first time an Insurer has taken the bold step of pursuing a private prosecution against an exaggerating Claimant.

Plexus has over the last couple of years successfully established and grown a fraud team acting on a number of specialist fraud cases. We are delighted to have been short listed for such a high profile award aimed at recognising the efforts the insurance industry is making in combating and preventing fraud, particularly important in the current economic climate.

The Insurance Fraud Awards take place in 1st October at the Victoria Park Plaza, London.

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