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Legal claims for the sports person injuries

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Whenever one engages in sports, there is always an inherent risk of injury. Most athletes accept this risk as part of the game. Most injuries are accidental and relatively minor, like sprains, twists, and the occasional bone break. But what happens if an injury occurs as a result of a deliberate hit or someone acts so recklessly that injury is almost certain to occur? As we all know that coaches play a major role in the development of athletes. In other words, since a coach is placed in a position of power and trust, the duty of care will always be placed on him. If certain requirements are not met, the coach may be held financially, or even criminally, liable. It is a discussion on legal liability for sporting injuries, quantification of damages for pain, suffering of past and future financial losses. We will discuss the analysis of the law of consent to injury and contributory negligence/comparative fault. It is a review of the importance of medical records in the legal arena and an exploration of the law relating to medical causation. The claims process explained with particular emphasis on the role of the expert witness.

Biography

Warren Collins has been a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales for 27 years. He practices exclusively in Claimant/Plaintiff personal injury claims with an emphasis on neurological injuries. His practice is truly international but with an emphasis on UK/US Claims. He is currently the Chief Assessor for the Personal Injury Accreditation Scheme of the Law Society of England and Wales and also Member of (and Assessor for) the Spinal Cord Injury and Brain Injury Specialist Accreditation Panels of APIL (the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers). In the USA, he is the current co-chair of the Spinal Cord Injury Litigation Group of AAJ (American Association for Justice) and the Secretary of AAJ's International Practice Section. He is the only UK Solicitor member of the *Melvin Belli Society* (pre-eminent personal injury lawyers of America) as well as the National Crime Victims Bar Association of America. Warren is listed in the Lawyers' *Hall of Fame* in the *Legal 500* (a leading peer review directory of lawyers) and has won numerous awards including Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year in 2013.

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