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No Win - No Fee

At Maliganis Edwards Johnson (MEJ), we believe that every Australian has the right to legal representation. For many years our No Win - No Fee arrangement has provided access to justice and legal representation to many Australians who would otherwise not be able to afford it.

Under the No Win - No Fee arrangement, if your claim is unsuccessful you won't need to pay any legal fees.

At MEJ we will take you through this arrangement in more detail in your initial free appointment.

A range of claims are covered under No Win - No Fee

MEJ offers No Win - No Fee arrangements for many of our personal injury related legal services, including:

- Motor vehicle claims;
- Workplace claims;
- Public liability claims;
- Medical negligence claims;
- Institutional abuse;
- Superannuation and Insurance claims;
- Wrongful death claims; and
- Wills and estate disputes.

In some cases, such as complex medical negligence claims, you may be required to contribute to the upfront cost of the initial investigative reports and supportive documentation. We'll assess and discuss with you any likely additional costs before you commit to MEJ.

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Not every case can be run on a No Win - No Fee arrangement

We offer these arrangements on a case-by-case basis. Before we offer you a No Win - No Fee arrangement, we must be satisfied that:

- Your claim has legal merit;
- You're fully aware of any likely costs to prepare and run your case; and
- You're informed of the risk of paying the other party's costs if your claim is unsuccessful. This is a potential risk in all litigation.

NB: A No Win – No Fee arrangement will not be offered where liability is unclear, nor will it be offered where liability has been denied and you wish us to continue with your claim. In such circumstances, you will be required to place money in Trust to pay for disbursements, which won't be recoverable if your claim is unsuccessful. Legal fees themselves will only be charged at the successful conclusion of such matters. We won't seek recovery of any additional disbursements that have been incurred over and above any money that you have previously deposited into our Trust Account for such purpose.

The No Win - No Fee arrangement sets out our obligations

We'll set out the conditions for the arrangement in a written Costs Agreement, which you'll need to sign before we start work on your claim. The Costs Agreement also sets out our obligations to you, the client, which in general terms are to:

- Work on your claim in a prompt, efficient and professional manner;
- Regularly inform you of the progress of your claim;
- Consult you before any special or unusual expense is incurred; and
- Advise you if and when our estimate of your legal costs changes substantially.

It also sets out your obligations

Under a No Win - No Fee arrangement, we ask that you, in general:

- Provide us with proper, accurate, truthful and timely instructions and inform us of any material change in your circumstances that might impact on your claim;
- Co-operate with us and do everything that we reasonably ask of you;
- Accept and follow all reasonable advice that we provide to you; and
- Retain MEJ as your lawyers until your claim is finalised.



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