

Drummond Miller LLP are a highly respected law firm who have been at the forefront in representing survivors of childhood abuse in their pursuit for compensation and, more importantly, justice.

Our firm acted as court agents for numerous survivors when these claims first arose in the 2000s. Unfortunately, they could not progress due to the limitation laws in place at the time. Despite this, we had fought the survivors' corner to the very end having taken one of our client's cases to the House of Lords (now the UK Supreme Court) in a bid to overcome those limitation laws for the benefit of all survivors of abuse looking to obtain compensation.

With the limitation laws now allowing survivors to pursue claims for compensation for abuse which happened as far back at September 1964, we have resumed our goal to secure fair compensation for those who have suffered and have had to live with the consequences of their abuse. We act for one of the core participants in the ongoing Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry and one of our team is part of a committee which is seeking to develop a protocol for abuse claims to ensure that they are efficiently handled and are as stress-free as possible for pursuers.

We appreciate that the claims process can be a stressful time for survivors and our team aims to ensure that matters are handled sympathetically. We work with our clients to meet their needs during the claim and to secure the best possible outcome for them. We have secured excellent results in many cases, even where it has been against the odds.

If survivors of abuse contact Drummond Miller, we are happy to discuss the various avenues through which they can make a claim for compensation, whether this be through a civil claim or an application to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority or the new Scottish Government Redress Scheme. We have a variety of funding options for each claim including legal aid and no win, no fee. We are happy to discuss these and advise on the best option for the client.

It is worthwhile noting that when survivors apply for a payment under the Redress Scheme, they will require to sign a waiver stating that they will surrender their right to get compensation through a civil claim. Generally, more compensation can be secured through the civil courts, but sometimes the chances of succeeding in a civil claim are limited, meaning that payment under the Redress Scheme is the best option. It is therefore important that survivors explore all avenues so that they can make an informed choice.

We are willing to help survivors make this choice by providing comprehensive and accessible advice free of charge.

If you are a survivor of childhood abuse and wish to discuss a potential claim for compensation, please contact Drummond Miller LLP.

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