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Sweet & Maxwell Checked Expert Witness and APIL 1st Tier Expert

Expert Witness and Consultancy Reports Prepared For:

Upper & lower limb disorders, manual handling, back / spinal injuries and HAVS.

Current Split of Instructions: SJE 70%, Claimant 15% and Defendant 15%

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Overview

Stirling is a fully qualified and experienced Consulting Ergonomist and a Chartered Member of the Institute of Occupational Safety & Health, Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health, Member of the Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors, Sweet & Maxwell Checked Expert Witness and an APIL 1st Tier Expert Witness. He has over 20 years ergonomics experience, in variety of different working environments, ranging from offices/call centres, electronics, heavy industry and transportation to hospitals and medical settings, specialising in providing consultancy, expert witness and rehabilitation reports and training for Musculoskeletal / Upper (and Lower) Limb Disorders, manual handling and back injuries, HAVS, VWF, occupational voice loss syndrome and the investigation of workplace and non workplace accidents. Stirling has also been instructed by HM Corner in a matter where ergonomics and accident reconstruction were material to the Inquest. He has also been involved in reviewing ergonomic standards (ISO, BS and DEF STAN) and books for publishers.

Stirling has provided ergonomics consultancy and training to large companies including the Ministry of Defence (MOD), Centre for Human Sciences (CHS), Microsoft, NatWest, Fullers and previously appointed to the position of Head of Ergonomics at Friends Provident. For more than 14 years Stirling has accepted instructions from solicitors and insurers to prepare ergonomic expert witness reports, with respect to personal injury claims. He is frequently instructed as a Single Joint Expert and as a Party Appointed Expert and prepares Expert Witness Reports for both Claimants and Defendants.

He has received training in many aspects of law, including the Access to Justice Act, Civil Procedure Rules, Giving Oral Evidence, Legal Aid and Legal Report Writing.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology (BSc Hons)
- Master of Science Degree in Health Ergonomics (MSc)

Professional Bodies

- Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health (FRSPH)
- Chartered Member of the Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (CMIOSH)
- Member of the Ergonomics Society
- Law Society Checked Expert Witness
- APIL Expert Database Member (1st Tier)

Specific Areas of Ergonomic Expertise

- Upper Limb Disorders and Repetitive Strain Injuries
- Lower Limb Disorders (Policeman's Heel for example)
- Manual Handling, Lifting and Back Injuries (Single strain and cumulative)
- Slips, Trips and Falls
- Crush Injuries
- Occupational Voice Loss Syndrome
- Workstation Assessment
- Office, Production Line & Vehicle Ergonomics
- HAVS / Vibration White Finger / Raynaud's Disease
- Workplace and Non Workplace Accident Investigation
- Workplace and Public Place Accident Reconstruction and Analysis
- Workplace and Public Place Risk Assessments
- Seating Accidents
- General Occupational Ergonomics

Jobs Recently Ergonomically Assessed

Call centre operator, control room operator, production line food packer, brick maker, maintenance fitter, fabricator and metal polisher (large industrial equipment), car panel fitter, HGV tyre cover moulder, HGV tyre mould technician, supermarket distribution centre operative, car parts warehouse operative, large band saw operator (cutting steel girders), electric / gas meter fault finder, pallet maker, supermarket operative, operating theatre nurse, train driver, lorry driver, crane driver, van driver, secretary, primal butcher (abattoir), coach paint sprayer, turbine technician, operative using heavy bolt croppers (breaking container seals), receptionist, switchboard operator, ear syringing nurse, health care assistant, residential home nurse, fruit weigher/packer, baggage handler, jar packer, airport check in desk personnel, plaster technician (medical), fingerprint expert, technical writer, abattoir cleaner, undertaker, cheese packer, laundry assistant, gearbox assembler, telecoms technician, car polisher, upvc window and door manufacturer/technician, chicken hanger, boat builder, warehouse picker, podiatrist, laboratory technician, dental assistant, forklift truck driver and checkout operative.

Specific Legal Experience

- Preparation of Expert Witness Reports for both Claimant and Defendant
- CPR Compliant
- Experienced in accepting Joint Instructions
- Experienced in accepting Single Instructions (Party Appointed Expert)
- Giving Evidence in Court
- Personal Injury
- Legal Aid
- Access to Justice Act
- Civil Procedure Rules
- Working as a Single Joint Expert
- Expert Witness Report Writing
- Giving Oral Evidence

Instructions

Stirling's instructions mostly consist of civil claims however he has in the past been instructed by HM Coroner and solicitors specialising in criminal law, where ergonomics was material to the case.