

SUCCESSFUL CLAIM – OUR CLIENT –V- SHELL TANKERS UK LIMITED

Our client was in the Merchant Navy in the 1950s and early 1960s. He painted pipes lagged with asbestos. He swept dust off the pipes before painting them. Dust from the pipes got on his clothes and in his hair.

As a result of his exposure to asbestos he developed mesothelioma.

We were instructed to investigate the claim and we carried out extensive investigations, seeking witnesses and information about the boats our client sailed on.

We obtained medical evidence and started a court action.

Early offers were rejected. The case was settled during our client's life time for £134,500.

John Pickering and Partners LLP

John Pickering and Partners LLP is a specialist legal practice that has represented claimants in the leading asbestos "test cases" in the last ten years. The firm represented Sylvia Barker in *Barker v Corus (UK) Plc*, a case that highlighted the legal tactics of employers and insurers trying to cut back their compensation liabilities to mesothelioma sufferers, and which prompted the amendment of the Compensation Act 2006 to ensure full compensation for mesothelioma claims. The firm represented two of the three claimants in the *Fairchild appeal*, in which the insurance industry tried unsuccessfully to block compensation altogether for mesothelioma sufferers unable to identify which of two or more sources of asbestos exposure had caused their illness.

The firm represented Alice Jefferson, a mesothelioma sufferer, whose illness and compensation claim against Cape Asbestos were featured in the important documentary "*Alice: A Fight For Life.*" Shown by Yorkshire Television in July 1982, the programme was an important catalyst for legal change and public awareness of the plight of the victims of asbestos.

If you need advice about an asbestos related illness, [contact us](#) now for information about making a claim for compensation.

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