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Free legal services for FBU members

The FBU acts as the democratic, professional voice of UK firefighters and other workers within fire and rescue services. Members' interests are protected by a comprehensive package of legal services available exclusively through their FBU membership.

In 2015, Thompsons Solicitors secured £3,291,812 in damages for FBU members.

The FBU legal service is provided by Thompsons Solicitors, the UK's only dedicated trade union solicitors. Thompsons has been acting exclusively for the injured or mistreated – never for insurance companies and never for employers – since 1921 and will proudly stand up for FBU members.

Because you give 100%, we make sure you always get 100%

FBU members using the legal service provided by Thompsons Solicitors keep 100% of their compensation – whatever the injury, however complex the claim. By comparison, claims companies and high street law firms will take up to 25% of damages.

The comprehensive package of legal protection and services is available to FBU members who pay either nothing for the service or a discounted rate.

FBU members benefit from the following services as part of their union legal scheme:

- Personal injury* at or away from work, on holiday** or on the roads
- Serious injury – including brain and spinal cord injuries
- Industrial disease or illness
- Special terms for clinical negligence***
- Employment law (accessed through your FBU region)
- Criminal charges – including inquests, criminal prosecutions, employment cases or criminal injury claims

Thompsons also provide a variety of legal services:

- Free basic wills including joint wills
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Re-mortgaging
- Fixed Fee Probate
- Conveyancing
- Payment Protection Insurance (PPI) Claims
- Equity Release
- Free telephone legal advice on consumer issues such as neighbourhood disputes or faulty goods

Your family is protected too

Both FBU members and their families benefit from free, independent personal injury advice and representation if they've been injured – whether at home, out and about, on the roads in the UK or on holiday.

The service is free of charge and comes with the guarantee that you will retain 100% of any compensation secured within the union scheme* and that you will work with a dedicated, specialist solicitor.

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Thank you for making a very stressful year much less harrowing. Your efficiency, correspondence and general attitude toward your customers is excellent. You made the whole process very easy and the result was perfect. I cannot praise you enough, so once again, thank you.

FBU member and Thompsons' client

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Making the most of your FBU membership

Paid-for LEI policies often cover the cost of advice about how to handle a dispute with a contractor or tradesman, or on how to smooth over contractual issues when selling a house. They sometimes also cover the costs associated with making a claim against a person or an organisation if you're injured.

But the legal service package you get as part of your ROOT membership provides similar protections, totally free of charge.

Even if the insurance provides some limited additional benefits, you may not feel the policy is worth paying for in light of the protection provided by your ROOT membership.

Some home insurance policies include LEI as standard, but check the policy and if yours doesn't and you're paying extra, you may want to cancel it and rely instead – at no cost to you – on your FBU ROOT membership. Your membership brings a wide package of protections from experts and is better value for you and your family.

* Claims must be brought within three years of the date of an accident or diagnosis. Exceptions do apply, please speak to Thompsons for advice on whether or not you have a claim.

** where cases can be pursued within the UK courts.

*** reduced rates within the union scheme. There are no legal fees but a 10% cost will be deducted from any final settlements. This is a discounted rate for FBU members, non-union members pay a 20% deduction from their damages.



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