

Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP wins compensation for widow of cyclist



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Law firm Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP has won substantial compensation for the widow of a cyclist killed in a fatal collision with an HGV. The driver of the HGV collided with the cyclist, Stephen Ferguson, despite the fact that Mr Ferguson was directly in front of his vehicle.

In April 2007, Mr Ferguson, a father of three from Dulwich in South East London was cycling to work when he approached a set of traffic lights on red. Passing a stationary HGV, he positioned himself in front of it, ready to cycle off when the lights went green. The driver, whose HGV was missing a nearside mirror, failed to see Mr Ferguson in front of his vehicle and when the lights changed, moved off, driving over Mr Ferguson and his bicycle, killing him instantly.

Mr Ferguson's widow Emma instructed Field Fisher Waterhouse's [personal injury](#) partner, Jill Greenfield and associate, Mark Bowman to represent her in a claim against Hendricks Lovell Limited, the haulage company which employed the driver of the HGV.

Hendricks denied causing the [road traffic accident](#) but during investigations it was established that the driver had his radio on, had an open newspaper on the passenger seat and was missing one of his mirrors. Hendricks finally

agreed to pay substantial financial compensation to Emma Ferguson and her three young children, now aged six, four and one.

Mark Bowman, solicitor at Field Fisher Waterhouse commented: "This tragic case highlights the danger that HGVs pose to cyclists and why they must be fitted with the correct mirrors. More needs to be done to ensure that cycling in London is safe and that these accidents happen far less."

Emma Ferguson said: "I would like to thank Field Fisher Waterhouse for all their amazing work. This will make a real difference to the children's future. I am, and I know Stephen would be, very grateful to them for that."

Note to Editors:
Case number: 41899.1.

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