

## Accidents in Public Places

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We represent the Administrators of a divorcee and his daughter who perished in an air accident. On that date they were parachutists (with others) being flown in a Cessna Plane from a local airport.

After becoming airborne the plane's initial climb was normal but shortly after take off the plane lost power whereupon it crashed through trees before landing in a field. Five of the passengers died, including the pilot.

We pursued a claim against the pilot and also against the parachute school pursuant to the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 and to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1937.

It was necessary to commence County Court proceedings within 2 years rather than the standard 3 years bearing in mind this was an air accident. Although the Inquest had not yet been concluded, for the purposes of the civil proceedings both the Defendants admitted that they were in breach of duty to the deceased.

A substantial claim was therefore pursued for loss of financial dependency and for bereavement damages.