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## S O L I C I T O R S

### Case Study

**Subject:** Occupational deafness compensation  
**Location:** Confectionery manufacturer

Mrs C was 72 years old when she made her claim for industrial deafness. She had worked for George Basset & Co. (the makers of liquorice allsorts) in Sheffield for 34 years – until the age of around 61.

During her time at Bassetts she had worked in a noisy environment on a guillotine machine and claimed that the company had made no effort to monitor or reduce the noise, or to provide any protective equipment.

Personal injury partner, Belinda Lancaster, took on Mrs C's case and made a compensation claim for occupational deafness (also known as industrial deafness), which was pursued through court. Bassetts did not deny Mrs C's claims about the noise and its own failure to act, but did argue that contracting measles in her childhood, as well as old age, had adversely affected her hearing more than her work.

The judge heard medical evidence from both Mrs C's and Bassetts' experts and found in favour of Mrs C. She was awarded almost £9,000 in compensation, which included an amount for specialist hearing aids and telephone equipment.



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