

Woodford Campaign and Leigh Day Claim

Webinar 17 December | 5pm-6pm

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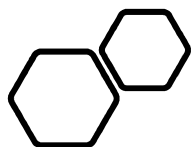
**Cliff Weight | David Ricketts
Boz Michalowska | Mark Northway**

5pm, 17 December 2020



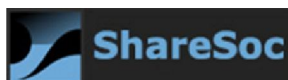
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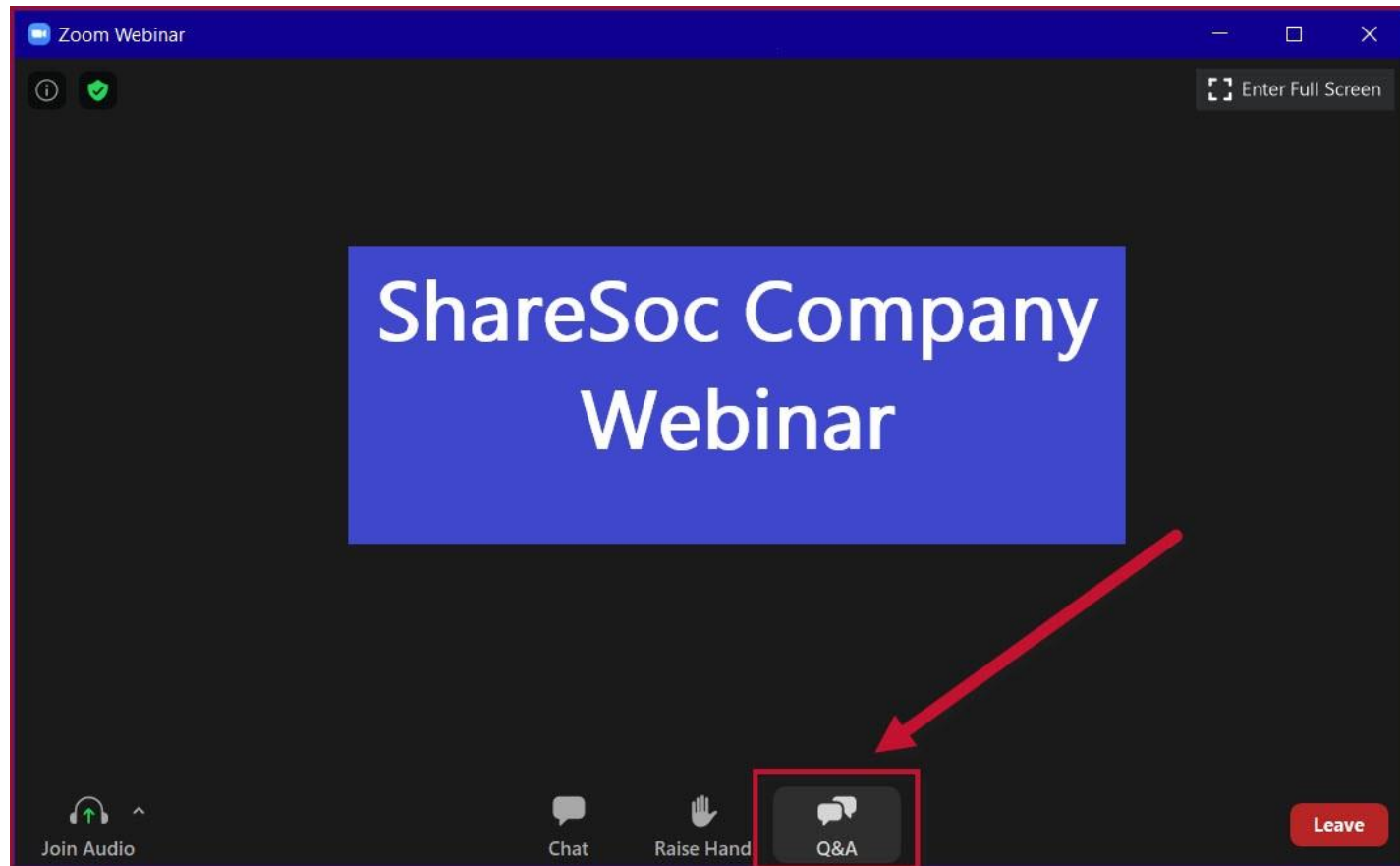
Welcome to ShareSoc

- **ShareSoc is a not-for-profit membership organisation**
 - For individual investors, with c 7,000 members
- **We campaign**
 - Government, Regulators
 - Companies
- **We inform**
 - Investor Webinars, Seminars and Visits, Monthly Newsletters
 - Blogs, AGM and remuneration reports
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 - Masterclasses, Investor Academy, SIGnet
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 - Online Forums, Seminars, SIGnet
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 - Discounts with Stockopedia, Research Tree etc
- **We improve your investing experience**
- **Please support us by joining as a Full Member £45p.a.**



ShareSoc Webinar Woodford Campaign

- Asking questions



Agenda

- Mark Northway
 - Introduction
- Cliff Weight
 - ShareSoc Campaign
- David Ricketts
 - Background and key events
- Boz Michalowska
 - The Leigh Day claim
- Questions and Answers

ShareSoc's Involvement

- On the side of the investor
- Trusted sounding board and adviser to claimants
- Track record of success in such campaigns
- The only organisation that runs this type of campaign





Woodford Campaign



Communication

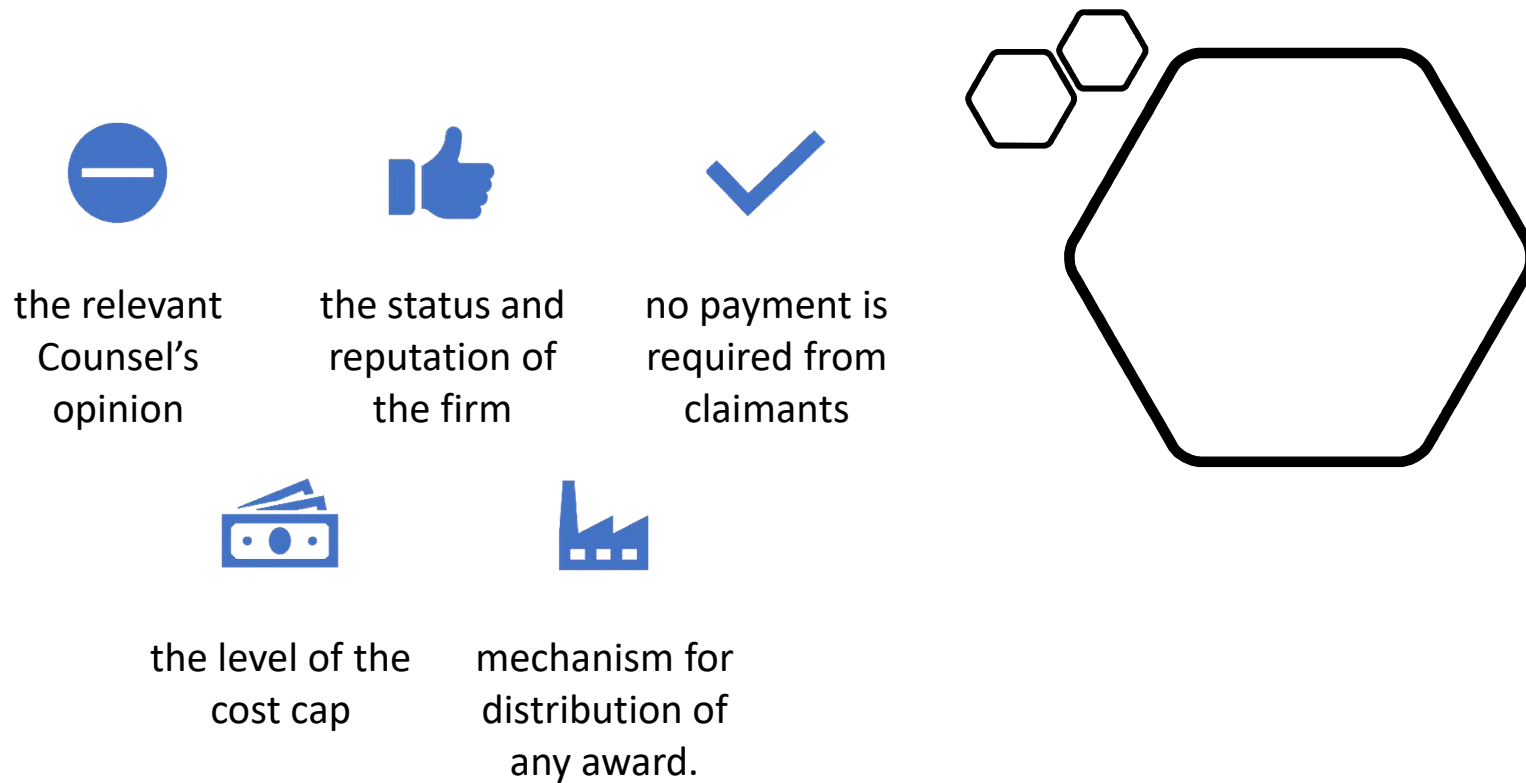
Compensation

Justice

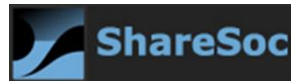
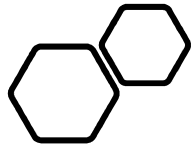
Regulation



ShareSoc Endorses the Leigh Day Claim



Claimants' Forum



- Communicate
- Ask questions
- Exchange views
- Moderated
- No Libel or threats



- www.sharesoc.org/forums/forum/sharesoc-woodford-campaign-forum/

David Ricketts

Background and key events



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The rise of Neil Woodford...

Neil Woodford: The man who can't stop making money

By Brian Milligan
Personal Finance reporter

🕒 18 June 2015

For investors looking for a stairway to heaven, one man is out in front

Neil Woodford has led stockpickers for years and is about to launch another new fund

Neil Woodford is top equity income performer with 20% return

Former Invesco Perpetual star manager's new fund, Woodford Equity Income, has in less than a year produced a return of £11,960 per £10,000 invested

Woodford Equity Income hits £10bn

Rockstar manager bids for your savings

...and his downfall

Woodford stock Purplebricks dives on profit warning

Shares dive as Neil Woodford-backed online estate agent warns on profits and announces departure of UK and US bosses.

Woodford faces paper loss of £35m over Allied Minds

Provident Financial failure gives Neil Woodford new headache

Woodford woes mount as outflows reach £450m in four months

Investors continue to abandon the flagship Woodford Equity Income fund following sustained underperformance

Neil Woodford's £3.7bn fund suspended: will investors lose out?

Neil Woodford to close down investment funds

A fallen star: Death knell sounds for Neil Woodford

Meet the Team

Leigh Day

- *"They are first rate. They have incredible levels of preparation, drive and focus on their clients."* Chambers and Partners (2021)
- *"The firm is resolutely committed to representing the Davids in David v Goliath litigation, with a hugely impressive work ethic and commitment to its core values"* Legal 500
- *"Deep bench of claimant lawyers handling significant product liability work, including major multiparty and cross-jurisdictional litigation. Equally adept at representing large groups of claimants, including families in defective product inquests, as well as individuals pursuing high-value claims."* Chambers and Partners (2021)

Experts

- **Fideres:** An international economic consulting firm specialized in economic analysis of financial and competition litigation matters.
- \$4billion dollars of settlements
- 32 securities and fraud cases
- 73 class actions



Counsel



- **3 Verulam Buildings**
- *"3VB has huge strength in depth and is definitely our go-to chambers for all things banking and finance"* Legal 500 (2020)
- *"3VB is one of the UK's leading commercial sets of barristers' chambers"* Chambers and Partners (2020)
- **Richard Edwards QC**
- *"Richard Edwards is the darling of the claimant community in respect of bank mis-selling claims, and he is a very persuasive and capable advocate"* Chambers & Partners (2021)
- *"Very eloquent in court, and fearless in his submissions"* Legal 500 (2021)
- *"An excellent barrister and a specialist in commercial law."* Legal 500
- *"He has very strong knowledge of the banking sector"* Chambers & Partners
- **Teni Onabanjo**
- *"Teniola has particular expertise in financial services"* Legal 500
- *"The expertise of its barristers from the most senior members of chambers to the most junior is exceptional"* Legal 500 (2020)

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Key elements to a successful claim

- 1. Equality of Arms**
- 2. Protection against having to pay defendants' costs**
- 3. Strong Case Strategy**
- 4. Strong Case Management Plan**
- 5. Expertise to take the matter through to trial**

Funding Agreements

- **Conditional Fee Agreement (No win no fee)**

- If we win...**

- We will only charge a maximum of 30% of claimants compensation to meet our success fee and, funder's fee and insurance premium so that the claimants can retain at least 70% of their damages more.
 - if not**

- **After the Event Insurance**

- If we lose...**

- Our clients will not have to pay us, or the funder. They are in principle liable to pay the defendant's costs but the insurance policy that we have obtained will cover the client in respect of that risk.

Who are the defendants?

Link Fund Solutions Limited



What did they do wrong?

We believe that it was LINK's failure to do their job, to ensure the liquidity of the fund and to protect clients' interests that led to investors suffering significant loss.

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What compensation could claimants get?

- **Refund of losses**

Losses to investors from the date of suspension range from 24% to 29.7%, with the range determined by the cash raised through sales of the funds remaining assets.

Losses since purchase of the average purchase price of the Z Sterling Income shares at an average price £1.11, ranges from 43.5%-47.6%, with the loss since purchase of the average purchase price (£1.20) of the Z Sterling Accumulation shares ranges from 36.7%-41%.

- **Potential return on investment**

Who will pay and can they afford it?

- **Who are Link Fund Solutions Limited?**



- **Financial Services Compensation Scheme**

- FSCS can pay compensation when a firm in default owes an eligible claimant a civil liability in connection with a regulated activity.
- The FSCS' compensation limit is up to £85,000 per eligible person.

Financial Ombudsman Scheme

<https://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/consumers>

Investors have available the option of making an application to the Financial Ombudsman Service.



Thank you for listening
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Bozena Michalowska

Leigh Day

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- To support the Woodford Campaign
- To allow us to resource future campaigns

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We have limited resources, directors are unpaid volunteers

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- www.sharesoc.org/membership/full-membership/

Questions?



Panellists

- **Mark Northway**, Chairman, ShareSoc
- **Boz Michalowska**, Partner, Leigh Day
- **David Ricketts**, Author, When the Fund Stops
- **Cliff Weight**, Director and Campaign Manager, ShareSoc



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