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THIRD PARTY CAPTURE

Insurance companies who for years have contented themselves with defending claims now seem to want to be involved in the prosecution of those claims as well. In so doing, they seek to reach claimants before the accident victim can even think of engaging an independent solicitor. More and more claims are being settled without the claimant having independent legal advice, leading to a very strong perception that many claims are being under settled. This process places the insurance company into a conflict situation; where they are both judge and jury. Worst still, in times where solicitors and `claims farmers` are heavily regulated in what they say and do to the claimant at the time of first contact, insurers appear to be very much unregulated in their activity of third party capture, leading to things often being said by them to the public, which are not strictly true. MASS calls on the Government to correct this wrong within the auspices of the recently enacted Compensation Act.

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