



# **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST IN THE FIELD OF MEDICO LEGAL**

Medico-legal work in occupational therapy is a term used to describe a field of practice where the occupational therapist works with the legal fraternity to help them quantify or qualify a legal matter.

These therapists are usually called in to assist in personal injury matters (such as Road Accident Fund Claims, Medical Malpractice or Civil Claims), labour law matters or contractual disputes matters (such as insurance policies or claims).

Therapists are referred injured clients from private or state attorneys who require an assessment of the functional abilities/restrictions of these clients, a written report on the assessment for legal use and to be available for consultation and/or to testify as an expert witness.

