

## **Personal Injury**

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Every fact is important: the weather, location, the surrounding signs and signals, any police reports, any other individuals who contributed to the accident or injury.

Your injuries need to be detailed from the earliest possible time. It is important to know when the pain began, what injuries you had that are obvious such as cuts, scrapes and bleeding, whether you had unconsciousness or shock, what parts of your body were struck (for instance, in the inside of a car). Is there an adequate description of injuries at the hospital or it is a case where the hospital made very limited acknowledgment of those injuries and stated so on their reports? We will also need to know how long you were in the emergency room, what medications you were given, what you were told on discharge, your activities the rest of the day following the injury. Some injuries do not become obvious until weeks after the trauma. We will need to know your pre-existing medical condition and any prior accidents or injuries. Were you receiving any regular treatment prior to the injury, were you hospitalized, were you disabled in the recent past, have you had any prolonged chronic health problems?

We will need to know whether there is other economic loss resulting from your injury to include replacement services, whether you had to build special projects at home, and how all of these problems affected your home life and the life of your spouse.

As you can see, appropriate representation for someone injured must be complete, detailed, and timely.

Only after an appropriate investigation can anyone, including an attorney, advise you of the value of any claim that you may have.

Our attorneys are paid only if you receive settlement or a court award. We will only receive a percentage of any benefits that are received by the injured party through settlement or through court action.

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### ***Our specialties in personal injury include:***

- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Vehicle Passenger Claims
- Death Claims
- Drunk Driving Victims
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Accidents
- Death Claims Drunk Driving Victims
- Medical Malpractice Insurance Claims & Questions
- Slips, Trips and Falls Dog Bites
- Defective Products

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