

## **PERSONAL INJURY REPRESENTATION**

When you've suffered a personal injury, you can bet that an insurance company will be contacting you soon. However, the insurance company usually doesn't have your interests in mind. In fact, their goal is to limit your financial compensation. We know; we've worked for the insurance companies before and we know *exactly* what they do and how they do it.

When you're injured, you need all the help you can get, and you need it as soon as possible. Unfortunately, that means that some injury victims pick the first attorney they find, rather than making an informed choice.

Protect your interests and ensure that you receive the compensation you deserve. Don't negotiate with the insurance company by yourself. We have successfully negotiated and litigated many personal injury claims, including automobile accidents, offshore/maritime accidents, accidents involving the Jones Act and brown water vessels, recreational boating mishaps, industrial accidents and railroad accidents. We have also handled products liability injuries involving falls from tree stands and defective hunting equipment, as well as defective medical equipment, home appliances and prescription drugs.

If you have suffered a personal injury as the result of someone else's carelessness, contact us at once to schedule a **FREE CONSULTATION** to discuss your options.

**WE DO NOT CHARGE A FEE UNLESS WE RECOVER COMPENSATION FOR YOU.**

## **PERSONAL INJURY - AN OVERVIEW**

If you have suffered a personal injury, you may be entitled to compensation for your injury. Legal responsibility, called "liability," revolves around the simple fact that most injuries happen because someone was careless or "negligent." Even if you believe you may have partly caused your own injury, in most states you can still get some compensation from anyone else who was also careless and partly responsible for your injury.

## **PERSONAL INJURIES - CAR ACCIDENTS**

Car accidents and serious injury can totally disrupt your life. Injured parties often suffer pain, need medical treatment, and are unable to work. At the same time medical treatment is needed, the victim is often left without transportation if his or her vehicle has been damaged or destroyed in the accident. We have over 21 years of experience representing individuals involved in car, truck, bus, motorcycle and pedestrian accidents. If we represent you, our only goal is to make you whole again by recovering the damages you are owed.

As an accident victim, you may be entitled to compensation for your pain and suffering, medical bills, ongoing or future damages, lost wages, property damage and more. Don't let an insurance

adjuster win a trip to Hawaii because he settled your case by paying you almost nothing. You deserve what you get, so call us to get what you deserve.

## **PERSONAL INJURIES - DANGEROUS OR DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS**

Personal injury can result from the use of dangerous or defective products. "Products liability" law refers to the rules governing a manufacturer or other provider's liability for products that harm consumers and workers. The laws in this area are based on the idea that manufacturers, dealers, and other commercial interests are best-placed to prevent harm from defective or dangerous products. Companies that allow dangerous items into the marketplace can be held accountable for resulting injuries. An experienced and knowledgeable personal injury lawyer can advise injured persons on whether they may have a claim against a product manufacturer or seller and can help them recover the damages to which they are legally entitled.

## **PERSONAL INJURIES - ANIMAL BITES OR ATTACKS**

Animal attacks can result in far more than physical pain. Disfigurement, a fear of rabies or other disease, and even a long-term fear of the type of animal that caused the injuries can ensue. A pet owner may be liable for such injuries when his or her animal bites or otherwise attacks another, meaning that he or she must compensate the injured party for the resulting damages.

Although animal-attack claims most commonly involve dog bites, many other types of domesticated animals, such as ferrets, cats, and even birds, can also bite humans, causing injury and potential liability for their masters. Even non-domesticated animals, such as large cats ordinarily found in the wild, can attack children and adults. The liability for all such attacks, if any, will vary greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. A lawyer experienced in dog bite and personal injury law is the best source for accurate advice and information in animal attack cases.

## **PERSONAL INJURIES - SLIPS, FALLS & OTHER PREMISES INJURIES**

Premises liability law involves the legal responsibility of owners and occupiers of property for mishaps experienced by persons on the property and the resulting injuries. One of the most common causes of such injuries is a trip or slip and fall, such as on an icy sidewalk, a loose or uneven stair tread, or a piece of debris or spilled liquid on the floor. The actual liability of the potentially responsible individuals varies depending on the rules and principles adopted in the jurisdiction where the mishap occurred. An experienced premises liability lawyer can determine whether liability may exist in a particular case and help an injured person recover damages for lost wages, medical bills, and pain and suffering.

## **PERSONAL INJURIES - WRONGFUL DEATH**

Wrongful death claims allege, as their basis, that the deceased died as a result of the negligence or liability of another. The deceased's surviving relatives, dependents, or beneficiaries may bring suit against those claimed to have been responsible, seeking monetary damages to compensate

for the losses. Each state has its own statute covering the viability of claims for wrongful death, and not every state follows the same guidelines, principles, or rules. A personal injury attorney in your state can advise you on whether you have a valid wrongful death claim and can help you pursue that claim to the best possible outcome.

## **TOP 10 REASONS TO HIRE AN EXPERIENCED PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY**

**10. Experience Assessing Claims**—Personal injury attorneys are experienced with cases like yours and can tell you at the outset whether it is worth your while to pursue legal action. If you are unlikely to prevail, you will not need to incur the time and expense of preparing for litigation.

**9. No Fees If You Don't Recover**—Most personal injury attorneys work for a contingency fee, which means that if you do not win your case, you will pay no attorneys' fees. You will, however, be responsible for certain expenses not directly related to professional fees, such as the fees doctors charge for reviewing your records or being interviewed.

**8. Red Tape**—An experienced attorney can work through the maze of paperwork necessary to resolve your claim so that you can get on with your life.

**7. Investigative Team**—Experienced attorneys work with a team of investigators who have experience in specialized areas and will skillfully investigate the technical aspects of your case.

**6. Objectivity**—A personal injury attorney can be more objective about your case than you can and will not make a rash decision. Whereas you may be tempted, for instance, to go for a quick payout, your attorney may counsel you that it is in your best interests to wait for a more appropriate offer.

**5. Alternative Dispute Resolution**—An experienced attorney will know whether your dispute may be best resolved through mediation, thereby saving you time, money, and emotional energy.

**4. Experience Working With Other Lawyers**—An experienced personal injury lawyer can deal most effectively and expediently with opposing counsel.

**3. Experience With Insurance Companies**—Lawyers are also used to working with insurance companies and will not be confused by their tactics or feel pressured to settle for an unsatisfactory amount.

**2. Best Settlements**—Personal injury attorneys work hard to reach the best settlements for their clients, as early in the litigation process as possible.

**1. Best Jury Verdicts**—If a trial becomes necessary, a personal injury lawyer can zealously represent you in court and work toward achieving the best possible jury verdict in your favor.