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Have you been a victim of an auto accident?

The shock of getting into an accident, being injured, or losing a family member in a crash can be traumatic.

Equally nerve-rattling is that a victim may face life-changing injuries, discomfort and pain, police questioning, complex auto insurance forms, and unfeeling adjusters who pressure to settle quickly.

Next come medical treatment and rehabilitation, medical bills, lost wages, and vehicle and property damage.

A victim may even suffer partial disability, permanent impairment, or loss of ability to enjoy a normal life with his or her spouse and family.

What to do if you are in an accident

Use the "Golden Hour" after the accident to gather information to protect your rights:

- Get immediate medical aid for injuries.
- Call an attorney for advice right away.
- Admit no wrongdoing. Sign nothing.
- Also...
 - ◆ Write down names and addresses of witnesses.
 - ◆ Call for police. Ask officers to write an accident report. Request names, badges, and phone numbers.
 - ◆ Try not to move cars until police arrive, unless vehicles impede traffic.
 - ◆ Ask for other drivers' and witnesses' names, addresses, and insurance information.
 - ◆ Write all cars' tag numbers.
 - ◆ Inform your insurance carrier.
 - ◆ Use your cell-phone camera to photograph injuries, damage, skid marks, and other relevant images.



You are not alone

An experienced auto accident lawyer can protect and safeguard your rights to obtain recovery and recompense for serious harm due to other drivers' negligence.

Look inside for real-life, accident-victim cases and outcomes.

See the back page for your auto accident information form.

CAR ACCIDENT LAWYERS...helping auto accidents

We represent and protect you

An experienced auto accident lawyer will serve as the voice of a victim who has been harmed physically and financially in a vehicle accident.

Your attorney will bring knowledge, resources, and, most importantly, passion and heartfelt concern to bear for a client who has been injured by negligent or inattentive wrongdoers to correct the harm they have suffered.

Truck crashes into car head-on

An electrician driving a van was struck head-on by a truck whose driver had fallen asleep. The electrician suffered a dislocated hip, a hip-socket fracture, and sciatic-nerve damage. Medical treatment included hip-socket fusion and implantation of a subcutaneous sciatic-nerve stimulator. Unable to work full-time after undergoing six-figure medical treatments, the electrician sued the truck driver and his employer, alleging failure to maintain control of the vehicle. The parties agreed to resolve the case before trial via an online settlement service for \$1.8 million, paid by the employer's insurer.

Bicyclist suffers leg amputation

As a tractor-trailer's driver made a right-hand turn, the rear wheels of his truck came up on the sidewalk and ran over the left hip and leg of a woman bicyclist waiting to cross the street. Surgeons had to amputate her left leg and part of her hip. She incurred significant medical costs and will require millions of dollars in estimated future life-care expenses and lost income. Her attorney sued the driver of the truck and his employer, alleging the employer was liable for the driver's failure to keep the truck on a designated roadway.

The parties settled before trial for \$5.1 million, paid by the employer's insurer.

Driver suffers back injury in rear-end collision

When a woman stopped in traffic was struck from behind by another car, she sustained back injuries that required two spinal surgeries. A postal worker, she continues to suffer pain that prevents her from returning to work. She also incurred significant present and future medical expenses and future lost income. Her attorney sued the driver of the other car, alleging failure to use due care. Although a jury awarded her \$1.5 million, she later settled for an undisclosed amount.

Experienced attorneys have helped victims of many kinds of vehicular accidents recover and make their lives whole again.

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How do we help?

We negotiate terms and seek verdicts or settlements from responsible individuals, their insurers, or third parties for...

- ◆ Compensation for bodily injury
- ◆ Future medical expenses
- ◆ Loss of consortium
- ◆ Loss of wages
- ◆ Lost earnings capacity
- ◆ Medical expenses
- ◆ Mental anguish
- ◆ Pain and suffering
- ◆ Property damage
- ◆ Therapy and rehabilitation costs
- ◆ Wrongful death

Driver brain-injured by tractor-trailer

While properly turning left at a highway intersection, an architectural draftsman was broadsided by a tractor-trailer that failed to brake adequately. The victim sustained a traumatic brain injury that required a craniotomy, leaving him with an IQ of 52 and the functionality of a first-grader. He incurred significant medical costs and will require millions of dollars in estimated lost income and future life-care expenses, which include daily therapy and antiseizure medication. The draftsman and his wife sued the truck driver's employer, alleging liability for the driver's negligence. A jury awarded the husband and wife \$11 million. The parties subsequently entered into a postverdict settlement for a confidential amount.

Negligence causes motorcyclist's death

A student who was riding his motorcycle crashed into a car making a turn at an intersection. He sustained serious injuries and died shortly after the accident. He was survived by his parents and a sister. His father, on behalf of his son's estate, sued the driver of the vehicle, alleging wrongful death due to negligence and failure to yield the right-of-way at a stop sign. Their attorney negotiated a settlement prior to trial for the defendant's policy limit of \$1 million.

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are involved in an auto accident.*

ACCIDENT INFORMATION *Fill out if in an accident.*

Date of Collision		Time
Location		
Police Officer		
Damage to the Other Vehicle		
License Plate No. of Other Vehicle		
Model	Year	

DRIVER-OF-OTHER-CAR INFORMATION

Driver of Other Vehicle		Driver's License No.
Address		City
Phone Number	Insured By	
Insurance Policy Number		
Witness	Phone Number	

AUTO ACCIDENTS
Cell-phone camera

If you are in an auto accident, take photos with your cell phone's camera to capture details that might help you later. Photos can provide important evidence and affect the validity and value of any claim.

Here are images that accident victims have photographed to document incidents:

- ◆ Alcohol containers
- ◆ Auto damage
- ◆ Bumper stickers
- ◆ Dash or rear-view mirror clutter
- ◆ Downed or obscured road signage
- ◆ Food and containers
- ◆ Law-enforcement badges and cruiser ID numbers
- ◆ License tags
- ◆ Medical personnel
- ◆ Personal injuries
- ◆ Road debris
- ◆ Skid marks
- ◆ Tow trucks
- ◆ Traffic controls
- ◆ Vehicle positions
- ◆ Vision-blocking shrubs or signs
- ◆ Weather conditions
- ◆ Witnesses

