



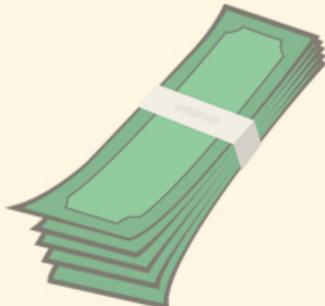
What to Expect from Your PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY

If you are suffering from injury, illness, or compromised abilities due to the negligence of another person, you may be eligible to receive compensation through a personal injury claim. Here's a brief look at the process of filing a claim with the help of a personal injury attorney.

Personal injury laws are ever-changing, and you can strengthen your case with the help of a knowledgeable and experienced personal injury attorney. It's important to involve your attorney as early in the process as possible. They can help gather evidence and testimony from key witnesses. They can also handle negotiations with the insurance company so that you don't have to.



FIND A QUALIFIED ATTORNEY EARLY



DISCUSS FEES

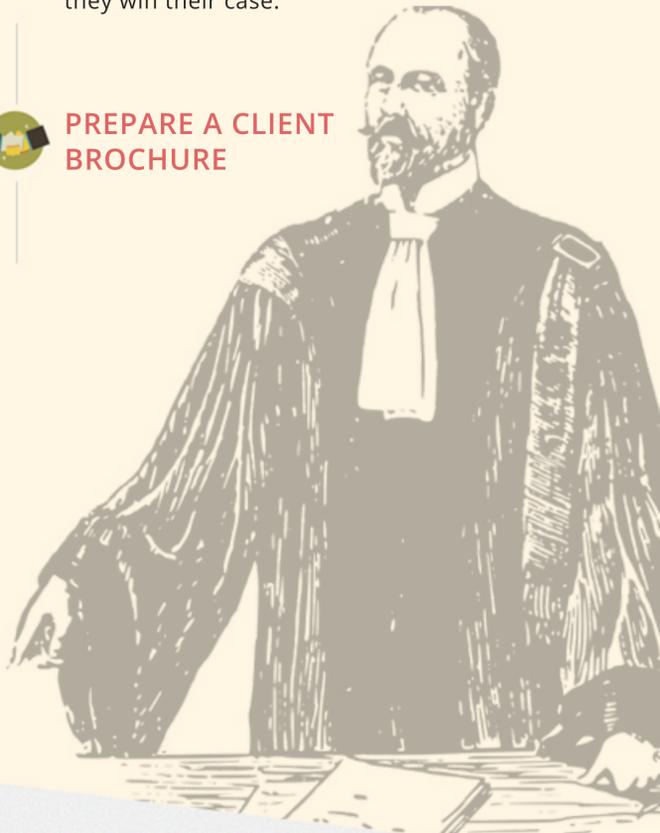


Note that the attorney will ask you to sign a fee agreement. They may charge hourly fees or a contingency fee. A contingency fee arrangement means that there is no charge to the client unless they win their case.

Your lawyer will likely ask you to write a statement expounding on the details of your injury. Be very thorough. Some people keep a journal to record their day-to-day health issues. This is particularly helpful in tracking new symptoms that arise as a result of the injury. Journals are also beneficial because they keep details from blurring in your memory over time. You should provide your attorney with information about your ongoing medical care (prescriptions, therapy, etc.) If you aren't sure if something is relevant, include it anyway. Too much information is better than too little. And don't worry about your account being seen by the opposing party. It is protected by attorney-client privilege.



PREPARE A CLIENT BROCHURE



ASSIST YOUR ATTORNEY IN THEIR INVESTIGATION

To build your case, your attorney may interview witnesses, assess your police report, review your medical records, interview your health care providers, and find expert witnesses as appropriate. If they ask for your assistance in gathering information, make sure to cooperate. It will help expedite your case and ensure the best outcome.

CONSULT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY ABOUT SETTLEMENT OPTIONS

If you and your attorney decide to settle, your attorney can present the insurance adjuster with a settlement proposal. The adjuster could then make a settlement offer that you can choose to accept or reject. Your attorney can help you decide if this is a reasonable offer or if you should go to court to seek additional compensation.



Remember that most personal injury claims end in a settlement rather than going to trial. You may be anxious to settle, but always consult your attorney before doing so. If you have open-ended medical issues, it may behoove you to wait. After all, if you settle and then discover that your medical condition has worsened, you won't have grounds to seek additional compensation.

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