

## PERSONAL INJURY

When you, a family member or friend has been injured or damaged as a result of the conduct of others, you may have a personal injury case. If you have a personal injury situation, call today and schedule a **free consultation - 817-335-9600 - [INFO@THEMAYNADLAWFIRM.COM](mailto:INFO@THEMAYNADLAWFIRM.COM)**

\*Our Firm generally does not charge attorney fees on personal injury cases unless we recover.

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Some Areas of Injury Practice:

- Motor Vehicle Accident
- Wrongful Death
- Commercial Vehicle/18-Wheeler Accidents
- Burns & Catastrophic injuries caused by explosions
- Drowning – Slip and Fall – Dog Bite – Lax Security – Construction
- Injuries on Property – Comprehensive Premises Liability representation
- Rollover Vehicle Accidents
- Chemical Exposure
- Boating Accidents
- Defective Products

You Need To Act Quickly:

In many serious injury cases, insurance companies that represent large companies have their own team of experts that are dispatched to the scene of the accident and/or hospital the very day it happens. To protect yourself, you need to retain an attorney immediately so that valuable evidence is preserved or worse, destroyed. Key witnesses need to be identified and their statement taken as soon as possible. Physical evidence needs to be gathered and photographed. Scene photographs need to be taken before the scene changes. Call today and schedule a **free consultation - 817-335-9600 - [INFO@THEMAYNADLAWFIRM.COM](mailto:INFO@THEMAYNADLAWFIRM.COM)**.

We handle all other types of Personal Injuries claims:

Personal injury law pertains to instances wherein a person is injured through the negligence of another. When possible (and when applicable,) report the incident to a person in charge. Be certain that you report the time and location of your injury and if known, what caused it. Seek medical treatment for your injuries.

We will take the time to understand your unique needs and tailor our legal services to

effectively address every legal issue. When working with our attorneys and professional staff, you will be confident that your case is being handled as effectively and cost-efficiently as possible.

#### Motor Vehicle Accidents:

These cases are our most numerous. Should you find yourself the victim of an auto accident through the fault of another, call the police immediately. If you see any witnesses, make sure the investigating officer is aware of them. Report all injuries to the officer. If you have a camera with you, take photos of the scene if you can. Seek medical treatment for your injuries as soon as possible. You should consider seeking legal assistance prior to giving a statement to an insurance company representative. Keep in mind that insurance co. representatives are working for the insurance company first.

#### Wrongful Death Cases:

Wrongful Death cases are instances wherein the death of an individual is caused by the actions or negligence of another person or entity. Since it is impossible for the deceased to file an action, it falls to the family or loved ones to pursue remedies as allowed by law.

#### Commercial Vehicle/18-Wheeler Accidents:

Accidents involving 18-Wheel Tractor Trailer rigs are a relatively high number of total accidents. Commercial trucking companies are required to keep thorough records of their maintenance of these vehicles. These records may reflect possible faulty maintenance or negligence on the part of the company.

If you or a loved one is injured or killed in an accident involving these vehicles, contact the law firm for assistance.

#### Burns & Catastrophic Injuries Caused by Explosions:

Explosions often leave victims with injuries caused by toxic exposure, head and brain injuries, burn injuries, and spinal cord injuries. The injured person may never work again and require life long in-home care. The cost of this care is expensive, well beyond the reach of most families. Unfortunately wrongful death is often a frequent result of an sever burn or explosion.

#### Drowning – Slip and Fall – Dog Bite – Lax Security – Construction:

Property owners have a legal obligation to provide visitors with safe conditions. When they are aware of defects and fail to correct them, the owners could be liable for any injuries caused by the defective or dangerous property conditions. Like other personal injury claims, premises liability cases seek compensation for medical expenses, lost income, and pain and suffering.

## Injuries on Property – Comprehensive Premises Liability

### Representation:

We can assist you in handle all types of premises liability cases, including those caused by:

- Broken pavement
- Wet floors
- Unsecured swimming pools
- Falling debris
- Failure to guard against hazards
- Weak stair rails and stairs
- Defective elevators and escalators

Additionally we can assist you in handling claims against all types of property owners, including contractors, homeowners, retail establishments such as supermarkets and malls, restaurants and bars, and municipalities. We also handle related cases such those involving dog bites and lax security.

### Rollover Vehicle Accidents:

Accidents where a vehicle rolls over are sometimes caused by defective equipment. These accidents need thorough investigation to determine whether the tires or the vehicle itself have been involved in an unusual number of accidents. Even if an accident is started by having to avoid an obstacle on the roadway, defective tires or a poorly designed vehicle can make matters worse. You should seek legal assistance to determine if you have reason to make a claim on this type of accident.

### Chemical Exposure:

A constant danger in many of the industries and businesses in the region is exposure to toxic substances. An illness may either develop quickly after exposure or appear many years later. In either case, business owners, manufacturers, transport providers, and others may be liable for the exposure and the resulting illness or death.

We can help persons who have been made ill because of their contact with chemicals such as:

- Hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S)
- Benzene
- Arsenic
- Formaldehyde
- Toluene
- Beryllium
- Trichloroethylene

The result of exposure to a chemical like these can be leukemia, respiratory failure, lymphoma, cancer, emphysema, or death. Even ongoing exposure to seemingly

ordinary hazards such as gasoline, bacteria, exhaust fumes, and petroleum products can lead to serious illness.

#### Boating Accidents:

Recreational boating can turn tragic in the event of an accident resulting from negligent driving. Accidents that occur in the water can lead to serious injuries including brain injuries, neck and back injuries, or even death. You may incur significant expenses resulting from medical bills, lost wages or long-term care needs.

When you or someone you love suffers, our legal team will aggressively advocate for your rights to maximize your recovery.

#### Defective Products:

Defective and dangerous manufactured projects injure or kill people every day. The injured and the families of those killed can seek a remedy when the injury or death was caused by a design flaw, a manufacturing defect, or inadequate use instructions. This area of the law, known as product liability law, provides for compensation for injuries suffered because of dangerous or defective products. Defendants in product liability cases can include the manufacturer, the retailer, or the creator of packaging material.

#### How To Select A Personal Injury Attorney:

When you, or someone you know, has suffered a serious injury, your life is in crisis. There are so many things to do, decisions to make... all the while you are grappling with overwhelming emotions such as anger, fear, depression, and loss. At this worst possible time, you are called upon to make an extremely important decision about something you may know nothing about. However, it is important you act quickly to help preserve evidence. A few questions you might want to ask yourself about the attorney you hire:

- Does the attorney you are considering hiring accept a limited number of cases or do they take basically every case that walks in the door?
- Do you feel comfortable with the attorney and his staff?
- Do you feel that they have your best interest at heart or are they just taking your case for the money?
- Do they promptly return phone calls and e-mails?

#### Beware of Ambulance Chasers:

Beware of any person, who you don't know, who contact you first about your injury case before you've requested their assistance. Unfortunately, these are likely "ambulance chasers or case runners. No matter what they promise you... stay away!

#### Billboard and TV Attorneys:

Just because a law firm can buy a big yellow page ad, highway billboard or a TV

commercial does not mean they are good personal injury lawyers. The lawyer you select can make a big difference in the value of your case. The truth of the matter is that if you've been injured, you will only get one chance to get the compensation you deserve.

What Do Injury Lawyers Charge? :

Typically, most personal injury attorneys take cases on a contingency fee. The standard fee is 33.33% of any recovery made before suit is filed and 40% of any recovery after suit is filed and an additional attorney fees if the case is appealed.

Depending on the type of case the attorney may advance, on the client's behalf, the case expenses during the pendency of the case, which will be reimburse to the attorney from the client's portion of any recovery. Otherwise the case expenses are generally the client's responsibility. Typical case expenses would include the cost of ordering medical records and bills, police reports, filing fees, depositions fees, expert witness fees, animation production fees, day-in-the-life video production costs, records, reports, postage, copying charges, and travel expenses. While expenses are often the clients responsibility, in the event of settlement or verdict, these case expenses are reimbursed to the attorney from the client's portion of the recovery. The attorney should always prepare a Settlement Disbursement Sheet at the conclusion of the case for the client showing the total settlement amount, the amount of the attorney's fees, the amount of the case expenses, any amounts being paid for hospital or insurance liens and the net amount to the client.

It's Easy To Sign Up But It's Hard To Get Out:

We get calls all the time for people who did not do their research and picked the first lawyer they saw on a Billboard or TV or the first one that popped up on an internet search. They want out of their contract with the lawyer because they feel the lawyer does not have their best interest. The way the law is written, it's hard to get rid of a lawyer without them still retaining their right to collect 33.33 % to 40%, or more, of the case if it settles or is litigated to verdict. Please do your research BEFORE you sign up with a lawyer.

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