

7 Reasons Why You Should Use a Personal Injury Attorney



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Hiring a personal injury attorney is a big decision, but it is one most people are glad they made. When you are injured in an accident, so many things become uncertain. Not only are you faced with a physical recovery that is unpredictable, you must also deal with insurance companies, your employer, law enforcement, the courts, and possibly the Department of Motor Vehicles. The entire process is enough to overwhelm anyone.



Working with a personal injury attorney takes a great deal of the burden off your shoulders. He or she cannot heal your body any faster or attend your physical therapy sessions for you, but a personal injury attorney can handle many of the other tasks while you focus on restoring your health.

As someone injured in an accident, whether it involves a vehicle, the workplace, or anything else, you need all the help you can get. Choosing an attorney can be a challenge, so it is important to take some time and review your options. It is also important to realize

just how much a personal injury attorney will help you during the process of resolving your injury claim.

Why should you use a personal injury attorney?

1. A Personal Injury Attorney Will Deal with All Aspects of Handling Your Claim

Personal Injury attorneys understand all aspects of a claim, from dealing with your employer to working with your medical providers, handling inquiries from insurance companies and working with the court system. Often dealing with the insurance company is only a small fraction of what needs to take place. While many folks can deal with some of the parts, it takes the knowledge and training of an experienced lawyer to coordinate all of them.

2. A Personal Injury Attorney Negotiates on Your Behalf

Most personal claims never reach the courtroom, but just because a case is not going to trial does not mean a personal injury attorney is unnecessary. Forgoing attorney representation can be a costly decision because negotiations are required for out of court settlements. Your attorney will work on your behalf to negotiate a fair settlement in your favor. Not only will they negotiate to get the best settlement, but they will also negotiate to reduce what you have to pay out to others. Negotiations have to take place with insurance companies who have paid your bills, Medicare or Medicaid and often times, with the medical providers themselves.

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3. A Personal Injury Attorney is Aware of the Value of a Claim



If you are like most people, you probably do not know how much money you deserve as the result of an accident. Determining the financial value of a claim is a complicated process that includes analyzing the extent of your injuries and assigning a value to the pain, suffering, and damage that resulted.

Working with an attorney means you have a resource on your side who understands how insurance companies work. An experienced attorney will have an idea how to emphasize the good points of your case and minimize the more challenging ones. The guesswork is taken out of the process and you have a blueprint for what should be done to get you what you deserve.

4. A Personal Injury Attorney is a Legal Expert

Most people have a vague sense of the legal process, but when it comes to the specific details of legal procedures involved in mediating or litigating a claim they fall short. Attorneys are aware of the timelines for filing claims, how to fill out paperwork related to those claims, and how to decipher the legal jargon that is a part of a personal injury case. Claims can be resolved by negotiation, mediation, arbitration or trial and an experienced attorney is familiar with all of those processes. Insurance companies have attorneys on their side and so should you. While some claims may not seem so difficult, many involve complex issues of law that require training and experience to negotiate.

5. A Personal Injury Attorney Improves Your Chance of Settling Your Claim Successfully

Battling insurance companies or a defendant represented by an attorney can be overwhelming if you don't have comparable legal representation. No matter your situation, it is almost impossible for a non-attorney to defeat an experienced attorney. Insurance companies have large legal budgets and even attorneys on staff to work on their behalf. Hiring an experienced attorney familiar with personal injury claims gives you the same advantage. An insurance company attorney's main goal is to protect the bottom line, even if it means exploiting victims that are facing life-altering injuries. This is true whether it is the other party's insurance company, or yours. It helps to have someone on your side doing the same for you.

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6. A Personal Injury Attorney Works with a Network of Other Professionals

Frequently after an accident, injured people do not know who to turn to. It can be as simple as figuring out where to take your car for repairs, to what type of Doctor will treat your specific injuries, to complicated issues like how to calculate your long term loss of income or the decrease in your ability to work a full career. Issues such as who will pay medical bills and how to calculate the value of your pain and suffering, inconvenience and the overall loss of enjoyment of life often require expert help from other professionals. An experienced injury attorney will be able to coordinate that information for you. Your personal injury attorney will consider the different path your life would have taken if it were not for the injury.



7. A Personal Injury Attorney Will Represent You in Court

If an out of court settlement is impossible, taking your case to trial might be your best option. Appearing and speaking in court, even when you are the victim in an accident, can be an intimidating experience. A personal injury attorney will be by your side throughout the process and provide support and advice during the trial.

Hiring a lawyer exponentially increases your chance of winning a case or receiving a significant personal injury settlement. It sends a message to insurance companies that you are prepared to fight for your rights.

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Have you been injured in an accident? You need the experienced assistance of a personal injury attorney. The attorneys at Froehling Law can help. They have tried and negotiated hundreds of cases for their clients and would welcome the chance to work for you as well.

Toni Froehling has been practicing law in the Puyallup area since 1978. He received his law degree at Seattle University, and attended graduate school focusing on Education Law at Harvard University. He has also attended and been a presenter at various legal educational seminars throughout the Puget Sound area. Mr. Froehling often serves as an arbitrator and mediator on injury claims, has served as a pro tem Judge and Commissioner, and is frequently appointed as a Guardian ad Litem for children in evaluating the sufficiency of proposed injury settlements for them. He is admitted to practice in all Washington State and Federal Courts, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals as well as many of the Tribal courts in Western Washington. He also appears before both the Board of Industrial Appeals as well as the Social Security Administration. He served on the Sumner School Board for 25 years, served on the President's Advisory Board for Bates College and the Board of Directors for the Tacoma Philharmonic. He is a past trustee and president of the Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association, on the editorial board and a frequent contributor to the Pierce County Lawyer magazine.

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