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Personal Injury Lawyer

REPRESENT YOU IN OKLAHOMA





W E L C O M E

Gary L. Richardson, my partner and father founded our firm in 1984. Dad had a desire to build a firm that wants to represent people, not insurance companies. Our ambition, skill and drive have resulted in recoveries for hundreds of individuals. Our largest jury verdict is more than \$58,000,000 and the most recent trials resulted in \$10,000,000 and \$6,500,000. We handle cases ranging in all sizes and the size of the case is not the motivating factor, the motivation factor is whether we can help you, the client. Because of this unmatched success at trial, a majority of our cases result in settlements. Our settlement range is anywhere from \$7,500 to \$32,000,000.

We represent most people on a contingency, meaning that we cover the expenses and do not receive any fee unless we are successful. We only get paid if a settlement or verdict is collected. As you might imagine, our firm reviews hundreds of cases a year.

Thank your for taking the time to learn about our firm and the issues of being your own lawyer. Many years ago I was told by a seasoned attorney, "A lawyer representing himself has a fool for a client." This certainly will apply for someone that is not an attorney. There are times that an individual may not need an attorney to represent their interests. We can review your situation and determine what options are available and you make the decision of whether our firm is a good fit for you.

Please contact me to discuss your options.

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If you are like most people, the idea of being injured in an accident is one of the most frightening. Unfortunately for many, this nightmare scenario sometimes becomes a reality. Their lives are changed forever, and they are left picking up the pieces of vehicle damage, bodily injuries, and dealing with doctors and insurance companies. The entire scenario is enough to leave anyone feeling overwhelmed. Support is available, and if you have been injured in an accident, hiring a personal injury lawyer is the one of the smartest things you can do.

What are the benefits of working with a personal injury attorney in Oklahoma?

Helps You Avoid the Risk of Being Cheated

It is possible to receive a fair settlement for your accident injuries, but unfortunately, doing so can be difficult when you represent yourself. The system is complicated, and you need someone who has been down the road before. More often than not, insurance companies are out to protect their bottom line, not to provide you with the support you need. They are not looking out for your best interest, and you should not be deceived into thinking they are.

Questions to Ask Before Hiring a Law Firm

It is our goal and desire to help people. Before you hire a law firm, we recommend you ask the following questions:

- * How many trials have you tried to a jury? Our partners have tried 100's of trials to a jury.
- * What amounts have you received in jury trial verdicts? Our largest verdict was over \$58 Million.
- * What size of settlements have you received in the past for clients? Our largest settlement was \$23 Million.
- * What is your satisfaction rating by clients? We are recognized by third parties for our excellent service to clients.
- * Do other attorneys refer cases to your firm? We receive referrals from attorneys all over the country.



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Personal Injury Lawyers Negotiate on Your Behalf

A good attorney has more than knowledge of Oklahoma law. He or she is also a skilled negotiator and can put those skills to use for you. The goal of the insurance company is to give you less than you deserve. You will receive offers, but chances are they will be less than a fair amount. Your attorney will know what is fair in your circumstances, and will work to ensure you receive this amount.

Oklahoma Personal Injury Attorneys Provide Representation in Court

Not all personal injury cases make it to the courtroom, but if yours does, you need representation. A personal injury attorney will know what to expect during a trial, and will be able to competently represent you in court. The idea of pleading your case in court is intimidating, and without representation, you might be tempted to settle your case just to avoid a court appearance. With an attorney on your side, you can fight for your rightful compensation, even if that means having a judge or jury make the final decision.

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An Attorney Understands Insurance Laws

Laws vary from state to state, so even if you have been injured in an accident elsewhere, you should not assume everything will be the same in Oklahoma. Likewise, laws have changed here over the years. You need an attorney to represent you who understands personal injury laws. The average person does not understand their legal entitlements when it comes to personal injuries, which makes it easy for insurance companies to take advantage of



the situation. An experienced personal injury attorney understands the laws and can apply them to your case.

In addition to understanding how insurance companies work, personal injury attorneys understand the intricacies of insurance law.

Insurance companies have only so much leeway as to what they can and cannot do. If you ask them to step beyond their legal boundaries, there is nothing they can do. Furthermore, requesting they do so exposes your ignorance and gives the insurance

company the bargaining advantage. With a lawyer that understands insurance law, you know right from the beginning what is possible.

On the other hand, insurance companies can also use laws to manipulate the situation. For instance, an insurance policy might include a benefit of \$25,000 for an injured party. The adjuster might tell you he or she will gladly pay the entire amount, since your claim is strong. What you are not told is



that state laws could make it possible to receive more. Do not assume an insurance company is going to be honest with you. Working with a personal injury attorney allows you to gain access to knowledge and the occasional tricks used to cheat you out of money you deserve.

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Attorneys Know the Approximate Value of Injuries

Though you might feel like the only person in the world to be going through your situation, chances are there are others out there with similar circumstances. Your personal injury attorney will research these cases and be able to determine the "going rate" for particular injuries. If victims are receiving large settlements and you have been offered less, there is a precedent for you to receive more should you pursue a lawsuit against the at-fault party in the accident.



Personal Injury Attorneys Boost the Value of the Case

The insurance company knows that victims who seek the assistance of an attorney mean business. They know right from the start they can get away with less and they will accept their fate sooner than if you are representing your own interest. Furthermore, do not assume that paying an attorney to assist you will eat into any of the extra money they secure for you. This is usually not the case. Your attorney will receive a portion of your settlement as compensation, but in nearly every case, your total award will take the attorney fee into account, and still net you more in the long run.

Have you been injured in an accident? You need the support of experienced Oklahoma personal injury attorneys like Charles 'Chuck' Richardson, Gary Richardson, and Paul T. Boudreaux. For more than two decades they have practiced in the areas of medical malpractice, product liability, personal injury, class actions, pharmaceutical, brain injuries, bad faith claims against insurance companies, surgical injuries, and discrimination, with an emphasis in litigation. To learn more or to schedule a consultation, please call 918.492.7674 or go to http://richardsonlawfirmpc.com/contactus.

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