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BRAIN DAMAGE INJURY
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- \$10.5 MILLION**
INSURANCE BAD FAITH
- \$7.22 MILLION***
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
- \$7.2 MILLION***
BRAIN DAMAGE INJURY
- \$3.09 MILLION***
LIVER, SPINE, CHEST & ABDOMEN INJURIES
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CHEMICAL LUNG DAMAGE
- \$2.0 MILLION**
BRAIN & SPINE INJURY
- \$1.75 MILLION**
SEVERE LEG DAMAGE
- \$1.75 MILLION**
JONES ACT/SHIP INJURY
- \$1.6 MILLION**
MULTIPLE DISC INJURIES
- \$1.4 MILLION***
BRAIN DAMAGE & DISC INJURY
- \$1.4 MILLION**
CHEMICAL EXPOSURE INJURY
- \$1.35 MILLION**
MULTIPLE DISC INJURIES
- \$1.32 MILLION**
BRAIN & DISC INJURY
- \$1.25 MILLION**
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- \$1.08 MILLION**
BRAIN DAMAGE & DISC INJURY
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WRONGFUL DEATH

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** Since each case is unique, similar results cannot be guaranteed

CONSULTING WITH A LAWYER ABOUT A CAR ACCIDENT?

Here's what they are going to want to know...

After an auto accident, if you are able, it is vital to write down and record everything you can remember while it is fresh in your mind. Take photos and video of the accident scene, vehicles, injuries, etc. While the trauma of an accident may make it seem as though you could never forget exactly what happened, the details will slip away.

WHO

An attorney will want to know who was involved in the accident, if the police were there, and if there were any witnesses.

WHAT

What happened and how? It's likely that everyone involved will have a slightly different story; that is why it is vital to write down, draw, photograph, and record anything that might be helpful in showing what happened.

WHEN AND WHERE

Know the date, time, and location of your accident. If you were taken to the hospital or a doctor's office, be prepared to say when you went and how you got there.

INJURY

Tell your attorney about all your injuries that were a result of the accident or worsened by the accident.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Aside from a police report and photos and/or videos of the accident scene, submit any diagnostic testing (X-rays, MRIs, etc.) or medical records that support your claim. Keep note of how your medical condition affects your everyday life. If your doctor believes that an injury is permanent, be sure your attorney is aware.

ADMISSION OF GUILT

If the other driver apologized for the accident, tell your attorney. If you are in an accident in the future and the driver admits fault, be sure to tell the police so that they can note it in their report.

INSURANCE

Provide a copy of your policy and the insurance information of other drivers involved in the accident.

What is a deposition?

In the course of a personal injury case, the plaintiff and witnesses may be asked to give sworn testimony for use as evidence or as discovery (the process where each side gathers information to create a case). This is called a deposition. During a deposition, one is under oath, just as if he/she were in a courtroom, and the testimony is recorded, usually by a court reporter who prepares a transcript of the deposition, but sometimes by video.

Plaintiffs should keep in mind that a deposition is asked to build the defense's case. They will not ask questions or try to gather information that would hurt their case. For this reason, it is very important to just give brief answers and to always consult with your attorney before giving a deposition. They can teach you how to word answers so they can't be used against you.

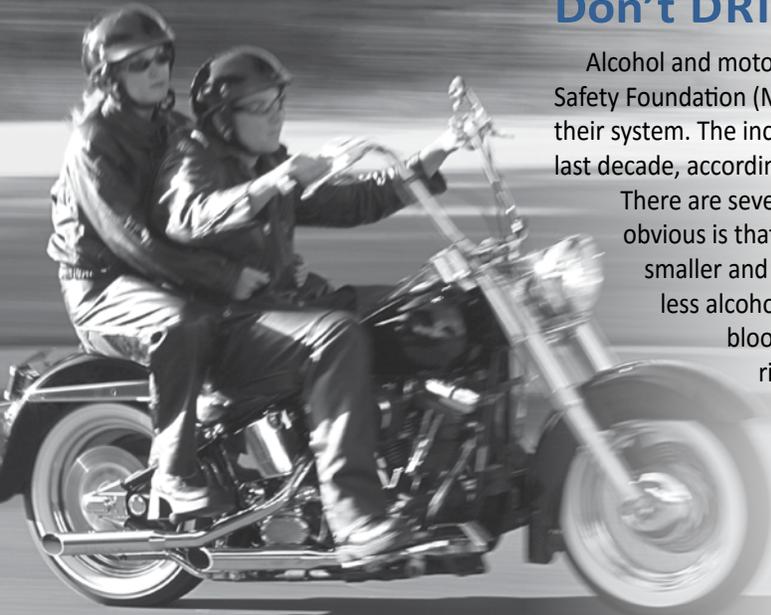
After the transcript or video is prepared, all parties are given the testimony to review. An attorney should be able to tell whether a witness will be helpful or harmful to a personal injury case and will plan your case accordingly. In addition to pretrial discovery, depositions may be used in court as evidence and may be available as part of the public court record after a trial ends.



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Don't DRINK and RIDE



Alcohol and motorcycles are a tragic—and common—mix. According to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), 46 percent of motorcycle riders killed in accidents have alcohol in their system. The incidence of drinking and riding a motorcycle has increased 10 percent in the last decade, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

There are several factors that make alcohol and motorcycles a deadly mix. The most obvious is that it requires more skill and coordination to operate a motorcycle. They are smaller and lack the stability of traditional vehicles. The MSF also says that it takes less alcohol to impair a rider's ability. The organization said that statistics show that a blood alcohol content level of .05 (under the legal limit) increases a rider's crash risk 40 times, and that even a small amount of alcohol raises their crash risk fivefold.

If you're planning to ride, consider stopping for a meal rather than a drink, and only drink at festivals and rallies if you are camping onsite or have alternative transportation to your hotel.

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Power of attorney

A power of attorney is a legal document that gives a designated person the authority to make personal, business, legal, and medical decisions on your behalf if you become unable to do so. It's advisable to have both medical and financial powers of attorney. If you become unable to make decisions for yourself and you don't have a power of attorney designated, your family will likely have to go to court to establish the right to make those decisions in your stead.

A medical power of attorney allows someone to make medical decisions for you should you become physically or mentally incapacitated. This person is bound to follow your treatment and end-of-life wishes. It is important to create a living will to outline such wishes.

A financial power of attorney designates an individual who will take care of financial decision-making on your behalf. When you draft the document with your attorney, you can give your power of attorney broad power or limited power. The duties of a financial power of attorney end at the designator's death. If you wish an individual to take care of your estate finances, you must also name him or her executor in your will.

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