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\$19.4 MILLION*

BRAIN DAMAGE INJURY

\$16.4 MILLION*

CHEMICAL EXPOSURE INJURY

\$11.2 MILLION

BRAIN DAMAGE INJURY

\$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

\$3.0 MILLION*

CHEMICAL LUNG DAMAGE

\$2.01 MILLION

BRAIN TRAUMA & BACK INJURY

\$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

SPINE & DISC INJURY

\$1.08 MILLION

BRAIN DAMAGE & DISC INJURY

\$1.08 MILLION

ELECTRICAL SHOCK & NERVE INJURY

\$1.03 MILLION

WRONGFUL DEATH

\$1.0 MILLION

CERVICAL DISC INJURY

What Happens if You Are Injured in a Car Accident While Out of State?

Recovering damages for property loss and personal injury after an auto accident can be a lengthy and frustrating process, to say the least. If that car accident happened while you were out of state, recovery can be even more complex. What if you live in Ohio but were injured in Florida by a driver who lives in Virginia? In what state would the case be heard? Where would you even file?

In the case of auto accidents, state courts (where most injury cases are heard) have jurisdiction to decide cases when accidents occur on their roadways—even when the plaintiff and defendant live in different states. If it is closer, the case could also be heard in the state where the



defendant lives. Be aware that you may have better luck working with police and other first responders and witnesses if the suit is filed in the state that the accident occurred. In either case, this means that you will have to travel to attend hearings. You will also have to abide by the other state's laws. For example, statutes of limitations (how long you have to file a claim)

vary by state. Also be aware that you will need to secure representation in the state that you choose to file suit in.

Deciding jurisdiction in the case of a car accident can be difficult. Please call our office for recommendations on out-of-state representation. A search for "legal directory" on the Internet will return many resources.

Red-Light Cameras Aim to Reduce Accidents, but Can Also Be a Reliable Witness

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), in 2015, 771 people were killed and an estimated 137,000 were injured in crashes that involved running a red light. To deter drivers from running red lights, many local governments use red-light cameras. A comparison study conducted by the IIHS found that cities that had red-light cameras had a 21 percent lower fatal crash rate due to red-light running than cities that did not have red-light cameras.

The use of red-light cameras can be a deterrent to drivers tempted to run a red light, but they can help law enforcement determine the cause of an accident and help injured parties prove liability. A camera provides unbiased documentation.

An accident attorney can obtain photographic or video evidence to support your case.



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* Judgment, includes legal interest

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

Feeling Lost in Legal Speak?

The words *loss* and *damage* are thrown around a lot by personal injury attorneys. Aside from medical bills, you may be able to recover much more if you have suffered losses and damages in an accident. Here is just some of what is included in the terms *loss* and *damage*:

LOSS OF INCOME AND COMPENSATION

If you've been injured in an accident that causes you to miss work, you have a right to ask to be compensated for your loss. You can recover lost wages (income) and other forms of compensation that you had to use due to the accident (sick days, personal days, etc.). Loss of compensation also includes bonuses and other incentives that you would likely have received had you not been injured.

LOST FUTURE EARNING CAPACITY

If you have a long-term or permanent disability as a result of the accident, you can claim the income you could have earned had you

not been injured. Likewise, if you find that you must switch jobs and earn less money as a result, you can claim the loss.

LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

If an accident causes you to lose the ability to be intimate with your spouse, enjoy time with your family, or enjoy life in general, you can sue for loss of consortium.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Any personal property that was damaged in an accident can be claimed.

PAIN AND SUFFERING

If you or a loved one sustains catastrophic injuries from an accident, you may receive compensation for pain and suffering.

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Congratulations, Sean!

As reported in the *Baton Rouge Advocate* in October, an EBR parish jury awarded our clients \$190,000, finding the defendant band director liable for physical, mental, and emotional damages for demanding our client do 200 push-ups for being a few minutes late to band practice.

Sean Fagan tried the case in the 19th Judicial District Court for three days, and proved that our client, a former McKinley High School band member, spent five days in the hospital after being forced to do 200 push-ups. According to our medical expert, enzymes were released in "unheard-of levels" because the muscles were damaged from the abusive number of push-ups. Fortunately, there was no permanent physical injury.

After closing arguments and jury deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous verdict, with all 12 jurors awarding our clients \$190,000 (which included \$5,000 to his mother for her mental and emotional pain and suffering, and for the loss of his services and affection during the ordeal).

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- Sheriff Sid Gautreaux
- City of St. George spokesman Andrew Murrell
- Attorney Sean Fagan