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Personal Injury

We represent people who are injured at accidents where another party is at fault. We do not defend individuals who are being sued for personal injuries. We offer free consultations for personal injury cases. If we accept your case, we generally have a contingency fee agreement where you do not have to pay up front, but we are paid a percentage of your recovery. We will go over the terms of this in detail in person and in writing. Please complete the **personal injury intake form** if you would like me to review your case.

If you are involved in an accident, gather all relevant documents. Make sure to get down all of the relevant information, including: all drivers licenses, insurance company and policy number, license plate, and the home addresses and telephone number for all drivers and witnesses. You have to report this to your own insurance carrier, and do not have to speak with the other car's driver if you have insurance or legal representation.

It is very important that you seek prompt medical treatment if you are injured. If you do not go right to the emergency room, go to your own doctor within 24 hours of the accident. A delay or gap in treatment can hurt your claim.

You do not have to give a statement to the driver at fault, or their insurer. It is best to consult with an attorney about this. You must cooperate with your own insurance company.

We can not give you an estimate of the worth of your case without specifically analyzing your facts, and without knowing exactly the extent and duration of your injuries. Most cases settle but there is of course no guarantee that your individual case will settle. Therefore, we still prepare for trial to protect your interests and have the best negotiating position.

What is the statute of limitations? This depends. If you are suing the government you must filing a claim within 180 days. Otherwise, generally, under California law you have two years to file your suit with the court or substantial rights can be forever lost. A simple case you may settle before the two year statute of limitations. Delay can often hurt you even though you may be within the statute of limitations. Witnesses move, evidence can be lost, it is best to secure an attorney early to preserve evidence, give you advice and protect your rights.

Personal Injury Intake

Date form completed:

By: _____

Date of Incident: _____ Ref. by: _____ Type: _____

Additional Clients on Addendum: _____ NO _____ YES: How many?

I. CLIENT INFORMATION

1. Name: Mr/Ms/Mrs _____ DOB _____

_____ Address: _____

_____ Telephone: _____ SSN: _____

_____ D/L: _____ Lang. spoken: _____

_____ Driver/Passenger/Bicycle/Pedestrian/Other: _____

_____ Emergency Contact: _____

_____ Spouse name/address: _____

2. IF MINOR:
Father/Mother name/address: _____

3. INJURIES SUSTAINED:
Ambulance company: _____

_____ Hospital: _____ Date Admitted: _____

_____ Treating physicians: _____ Date first treated: _____

1. _____

2. _____

_____ Describe injuries: _____

4. PRIOR CLAIMS HISTORY

List all accidents in the past ten (10) years causing you injury:

Litigation

/ D/A: Dr./Hospital: Injuries: Result

:

a. _____

b. _____

5. EMPLOYMENT

Company name/address:

Occupation/Title: _____ Supvr: _____

Salary: _____ Telephone: _____

Date employment began:

Former employment in last two (2) years:

6. INSURANCE

Client's company: _____ Policy # _____

Agent name/address/phone:

Coverage: Collision \$ _____ Deductible \$ _____

UM \$ _____ Med Pay \$ _____

RESIDENT RELATIVE INSURANCE:

Insured: _____ Relation to client: _____

Insured's address/phone:

Insurance Co.: _____ Policy # _____

Agent name/address/phone:

Coverage: UM \$ _____ Med Pay \$ _____

7. How the accident happened: (use a separate sheet if necessary) Include, but don't limit yourself to answers to the following:

Where you were coming from?

Where were you going?

What route did you take?

What was the time of day?

What were the weather conditions?

What was the traffic like at the location and time of the accident?

What intersection did the accident occur at?

How many lanes of travel in each direction were there at the intersection?

Please provide a diagram of the accident.

When were you first aware of the other vehicle?

How did you become aware that a collision was likely?

How long before you first thought there might be a collision and it happened?

Describe the vehicle,

Did you hear anything before the impact (for example, the screeching of brakes, or a horn?)

Could you have avoided the impact.

