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PERSONAL ATTENTION AND DEDICATION THROUGH EVERY PHASE OF THE CASE

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## NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE DESK OF



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**Motor Vehicle Injuries in**

### **Our Tri-Jurisdiction Area**

In the Washington, D.C. Area, nothing is easy when it comes to the application of the law. We all know this is true when it comes to our national legislature and federal regulatory agencies, but few realize it is also true when it comes time to determine how the different state insurance laws can affect the outcome of an automobile injury claim. For example, you can be injured while driving in Virginia or D.C. and have an automobile policy where you live in Maryland. All three different jurisdictions—Maryland, D.C. and Virginia—have different no-fault insurance plans and different laws regarding how personal injury claims are handled and different pay-back rules. Federal rules can be applicable as well regarding insurance plans, claims processing, and other matters.

My firm –located in the region’s center—is dedicated to assisting and guiding our clients through this maze of laws and doing our utmost in attempting to maximize the various benefits which injury laws provide.

**If you, your family or friends are injured**

**CALL ME! I CAN HELP!  
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## **Wrongful Death in the Hospital Why It Happens**



We are currently representing families who have lost a loved one while hospitalized due to medical or surgical or nursing negligence. Legally, such cases are called “Wrongful Death Cases” since without such negligence, the patient would have recovered. In general, here are some factors which cause death to occur in a hospital:

**Hospitals are dangerous places.** Nearly 100,000

Americans die in inpatient health care facilities every year solely due to medical or surgical negligence, according to the Center for Disease Control. Many experts believe that too few doctors are

treating too many patients and leads to an “assembly line mentality” on the part of hospital-based doctors.

**Physicians who attend hospitalized patients may fail to comply with national standards of care applicable to all patients with conditions similar to the patient being treated.** While there may be various reasons why this happens, such reasons are irrelevant. IF a physical or other licensed care giver fails to follow a national standard of care, the law considers such conduct negligent.

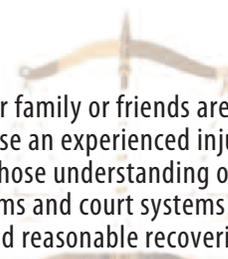
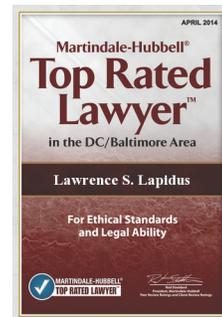
**Communications with the Physician in Charge is often difficult for other members of the medical care team.** Most hospitals rely upon each care giver to make

handwritten notes in a patient’s “chart”. The Physician in Charge reads these handwritten notes when he examines the patient in the hospital. This often leads to errors because personal communication regarding the patient’s condition and treatment options is exceedingly rare.

If you have a loved one who was injured or passed away during an in-patient hospital stay while in an area hospital, **CALL ME!**

If you, your family or friends are injured, choose an experienced injury attorney whose understanding of insurance claims and court systems can obtain fair and reasonable recoveries.

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