

PERSONAL ATTENTION AND DEDECATION THROUGH EVERY PHASE OF THE CASE

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## NEWSLETTER

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Dog Attacks -Pit Bulls The Maryland Court of Appeals recent-

ly abolished "The One Bite Rule" with regard to Pit-Bulls. In Maryland, a victim of a dog attack had to prove that the dog had a past history of violence known to the owner and had bitten someone once before it bit the current victim. If the dog had never bitten anyone before, the victim's case for injury compensation was tossed out of court. Now however in Maryland, if the dog is a Pit Bull or even Pit Bull mix who bites a person for the very first time in the dog's life, the victim's case will be decided by a jury. If you, your family or friends have been the victim of a dog attack, call me: I can help.

If you, a friend, or relative have been injured in an auto accident, I can help.

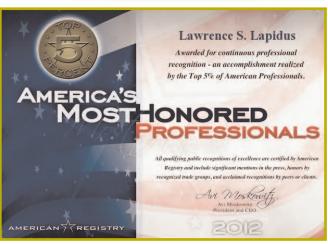
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## WHAT IS AN AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY CASE WORTH?

Settlements are based on many factors, but here are the main ones:

- 1. Whether or not the driver who caused the accident is legally negligent.
- 2. Whether the victim could have avoided the accident once it became probable that a collision would occur if action were not taken by the victim;
- 3. Whether the victim sought prompt medical attention and remained under continuous care until discharged;
- 4. The property damage to the vehicles involved in the collision;
- 5. The nature and extent of the injuries as reflected in the hospital/medical records:
- 6. The amount of medical bills;
- 7. Whether the injury is permanent and /or will require future medical or surgical care;
- 8. Whether and to what extent the activities of daily living have been impaired;
- 9. Where the accident happened; and



10. Where the at-fault driver resides.

We have decades of experience in evaluating how these factors apply in any given case and what weight needs to be given to each factor to determine the appropriate settlement amount. If you, your family or friends, have been injured, give me a call: I can help.