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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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How to Protect Yourself if You Are Injured

1. Call the police;
2. Take cell phone pictures of the property damage and location of the vehicles;
3. Obtain the names and contact information of the at-fault driver and witnesses at the accident;
4. If offered an ambulance, **DO NOT DECLINE** the ambulance;
5. Go to an ER or your primary care doctor **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**;
6. **DO NOT GIVE A RECORDED STATEMENT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE**;

Put my contact information 202 785-5111 in your "contact" list on your cell phone under Accident Attorney. If you are injured after business hours or on a weekend, call me on my Cell phone: 202-578-2237. The sooner I am called, the more effective I can be on your behalf.

REASONABLE MEDICAL CHARGES: THE KEY INGREDIENT IN A FAIR SETTLEMENT

In personal injury claims, the settlement value amount is based, in large part upon medical charges the carrier considers fair, customary and reasonable for the nature and extent of the injuries CAUSED or AGGRAVATED by the at-fault driver. If you have had a previous injury, the adjuster always wants to see medical records from the previous accident to determine whether your injuries were caused or aggravated by the at-fault driver or by the previous accident. If there is a previous injury, we will use our best efforts to obtain those medical records so there will be no objection from the insurance carriers that they cannot make an offer unless and until those prior medical records are reviewed. This will help us to overcome any objection in this regard.



The adjusters determine the reasonableness of the medical charges by reference to diagnostic codes. The adjusters also know the customary medical standard which dictate how frequently doctors see patients during the recovery process. We will work with you so that you can focus on your healing and on your recovery. We will spare you the aggravation of interaction with the adjusters who will attempt to prevent you from obtaining the settlement value that you deserve. If you have Maryland PIP or Virginia Medpay coverage, we will file the required paperwork to obtain these benefits. In DC, PIP election is complicated and should not be pursued without legal advice. We can provide this advice. The Lapidus Law Firm is a Proactive Firm. We present your claim in the best possible light and deal with the adjuster appropriately.



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

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Free Consultation

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