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NEWSLETTER

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CIVIL JURY TRIALS: OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE

The United States is one of the few nations in the world where jury trials in civil cases is a right granted by the 7th doing business here. Civil jury trials used to be plentiful, but recently, the number of such trials has significantly decreased. Legal scholars cite many reasons, including the increased expenses and risks involved in such trials, especially when a reasonable offer is extended. Crowded court dockets often translate into long delays to obtain trial dates, making settlements more attractive, given the time value. Whatever the factors may be in the reduction of civil jury trials, the threat of such a trial encourages settlements. No one ever knows what any given jury might do, so both sides are motivated. Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to everyone residing in our country or to settle. This is a positive development for injury victims who are seeking to minimize risk and to obtain compensation in a shorter time period than otherwise would be available as their case awaits resolution on a crowded court docket. If you are in an accident and your claim is denied or the offer is inadequate, you will need an attorney with civil jury trial experience. We have tried hundreds of cases in courts throughout the Washington Metropolitan Region. We have been recognized as an "Advocate" by the American Board of Civil Trial Attorneys, which only confers this recognition upon attorneys with substantial civil jury trial experience. We work diligently to obtain fair and reasonable settlements so that a jury trial will not be necessary, but if one is needed, we have the experience to try the case. **If you, a family member, friend or co-worker is injured, call me for a free, no obligation consultation. We can help!**

Nationwide Is Almost Never on Your Side and State Farm is NOT the "Good Neighbor" It Claims to Be

If there were Academy Awards for spectacularly false advertising, Nationwide and State Farm Insurance ads would win the top awards. Their behavior in response to claims against them demonstrates why you cannot trust them to act in your best interest if you are injured and make a claim against these companies. For example, Nationwide recently litigated for over a decade and spent 3 million dollars in an effort to defeat a property damage claim to an automobile which struck a pole in a one-car accident. No one was injured. The value of the car was \$25,000. The Judge found that Nationwide acted in bad faith and awarded 18 million dollars in punitive damages to the Nationwide policy holders. Is this the behavior you would expect of a Company that claims to be "On Your Side"? In our June newsletter, we pointed out that State Farm has a policy in this region of litigating many cases against its insured drivers vigorously (and unreasonably) even if the claim has merit and the injury is severe. Is this the behavior you would expect of a Company which claims to be a "Good Neighbor"? These Companies, like their competitors in the Insurance Industry ---never behave as we would expect from a "Good Neighbor" or as someone "On Your Side". This is why if you are injured, you will need a lawyer who is most definitely on your side, without question. If you are injured in an accident, you can count on us to work diligently on your behalf and to counter objections to your claim raised by auto insurance companies. We explain to them and should the case proceed to trial --to judges and juries--- that the pain suffered as well as the diminishment and disruption of a person's daily activities and quality of life are the biggest harms in the case. **If you, a family member, friend or co-worker is injured in an accident, CALL US! We can help!**



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