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PERSONAL ATTENTION AND DEDICATION THROUGH EVERY PHASE OF THE CASE

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NEWSLETTER

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Navigating the Medical System:

THE ATTORNEY'S ROLE

Injured people are concerned that too many barriers prevent or impede their ability to obtain the care they need to recover as soon as possible. Fear of navigating the medical system often discourages and delays people from getting necessary medical attention.

An injury attorney assists clients in overcoming their concerns in accessing the medical care system. Although an attorney is not qualified to manage medical care or provide medical advice — only a licensed doctor can do that — the attorney can provide guidance. Through knowledge of the insurance law and the medical service delivery system, attorneys can assist clients in obtaining prompt payment for their accident-related medical bills or deferring such payments to the end of the case.

At the Lapidus Law Firm, we encourage our clients to obtain the appropriate care they need. If clients need information about how the medical profession is organized and credentialed to deliver the best care for any particular injury, we provide that information. We also provide guidance on how to obtain prompt financial assistance to access medical care.

If you or someone you know needs assistance navigating the medical care delivery system

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Personal Injury Claims

Why do they take so long to resolve?

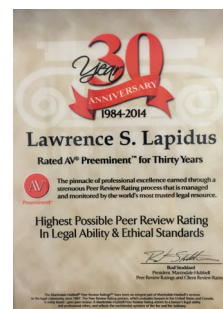
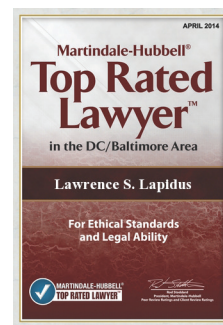


REASON ONE: Personal injury cases cannot be settled until a client has been formally discharged from medical care OR has reached "maximum medical improvement" OR has reached a plateau where future medical needs and costs can be calculated with reasonable medical certainty.

If a physician has informed the client that the injured condition is permanent (meaning it cannot be cured or satisfactorily alleviated with medical care) then the permanency opinion must be stated in writing by a physician.

REASON TWO: The insurance company refuses or fails to offer a fair and reasonable settlement. Only an experienced attorney with trial experience can evaluate whether the offer—if any—is fair and reasonable.

REASON THREE: If the case goes to court, there are always delays in resolution. Some courts are faster than others. In Maryland, for example, the state district court is twice as fast as the circuit court. There is a price that has to be paid for this speed: district court cases are limited to \$30,000 and there is no jury. On the other hand, district court is also less expensive than the circuit court and the resolution speed can be more attractive. It may be the right choice for many clients, depending on the value of the case.



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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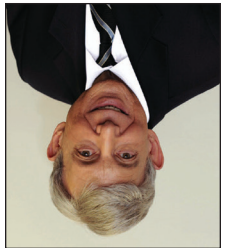
If you, a friend, or relative have been injured in an auto accident, I can help. **Call Me** for a Free Consultation



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