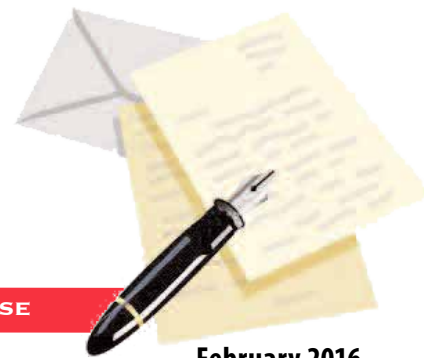




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NEWSLETTER

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How Much is a Personal

Injury Case Worth?

The value of a personal injury case has often been compared to Real Estate, where the key value is **location, location, and location**. Of course, this isn't the *only* value by which property value is determined. The size and how the building is constructed are other factors that will determine the final purchase price. Finally, any building has a limit on its value, depending on the neighborhood in which it is located.

Similarly, the key concept in personal injury cases, is **documentation, documentation and documentation**. This means that all medical records and associated charges are critical to determining value. On the liability side, a police report and car damage photos are important documents as well. How the lawyer presents the case is similar to how a building is built. A well-built structure will have more value than a poorly constructed one. That is why thoroughly documenting the claim can make a difference in value. Finally, just as a building's value is limited by its neighborhood, the "neighborhood" which limits case value is the policy limits of available insurance. If the insurance is adequate to cover the damages claimed, the case may still be limited by past jury verdicts in similar cases.

These major elements determine the value of a personal injury case. If you, your friends, or family were injured, call me. I can help "build the building" so your case has "market value" that adjusters could settle at an attractive price.

If you, your family or friends are injured due to negligence

CALL ME! I CAN HELP!

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Frustrated and Angry from an Automobile Collision?



Here's Why (and what to do about it)

Once a person is injured by an automobile collision involving a negligent driver, a series of events occur which leaves many people feeling *frustrated* and *angry*. The car is damaged and may not be drivable. Individuals are injured though no fault of their own. It will take time, effort and money to recover. The injured person becomes *frustrated* because many people do not realize that the at-fault driver's company owes **no immediate duty** to pay for car repairs caused by their insured, even if the liability is obvious.

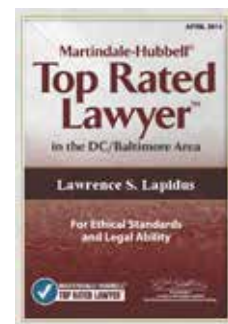
The injured person becomes *angry* because the at-fault insurance company will typically not treat the injured person fairly, opting instead to put its profits over people.

The frustration of going without reliable transportation can be avoided by having adequate insurance in the injured person's own policy. The injured person's own insurance company has a duty to respond to claims for vehicular property damage, **but their response is strictly limited by the policy**. If a rental vehicles option is not in the policy, the insurance company will not cover it.

To avoid the other party's insurance company claiming the injured person is not as injured as the person actually is, **the injured person should NOT DENY injury at the accident scene**. The question, "Are you injured or OK" can be honestly answered with the response: "I am not sure. I am shaken up and I need medical attention." If you feel dizzy, sore or nauseous, **SAY SO**. If you have a headache, **SAY SO** (this could be a sign of a concussion.) **If you ask for an ambulance, you will ensure that a police report will be written**. If you do not feel that an ambulance is necessary, ask a friend or relative to take you to an ER or Urgent Care Center as soon as possible.

Seek legal help immediately. Frustration and anger alone will not bring results or start the healing process. **CALL ME! I CAN HELP!** For evening and weekend calls, I can be reached at 202-578-2237.

Enter this number in your phone "contacts".



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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