



SPECIAL REPORT

The 10 Myths of Settling Your Personal Injury Case

You're about to discover the little-known strategies that can save you from needless heartaches and protect your future.

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If you have been injured in a recent accident you are undoubtedly worried about your future, your health concerned about money. There is a lot of misinformation out there from well-meaning family, friends and online searches.

We are here to help you get clear about your options.

Let's take a look at 10 common myths about settling your personal injury case.

MYTH 1: I don't need an attorney; I can handle this claim on my own.

A personal injury attorney can act as a liaison between you, the business or people who had a hand in harming you and any insurance companies that are involved. And, you pay nothing even if any of these entities challenge your right to compensation.

While hiring an attorney for a personal injury is not required, it can be very difficult to navigate the process alone. You may be listening to family or friends who do not have correct information. These may be mistakes that cost you money, perhaps even thousands of dollars.

Or maybe you just want to ask someone what your rights are?

You'll be amazed at the relief you will feel when this one simple question is answered:

"Am I receiving all of the benefits I am entitled to as someone who was injured through no fault of my own?"

MYTH 2: I am certain to collect money because I was hurt at a business.

The insurance company could still deny your claim for a number of reasons: they may not believe the injury happened the way you claim or they may not have received accurate or complete information on the claim.

If you have been injured, it's never a good idea to rely on information from friends or family. Many of the assumptions people make are based on incorrect information, and they could hurt your claim.

Myth 3: I must settle my personal injury claim before I seek medical treatment.

You deserve to receive immediate medical attention and complete any and all treatment your doctors recommend. You can use any of your own records of prompt and necessary medical treatment to demonstrate the damage done by the defendant's negligence.

In other words, the fact you received medical treatment first before filing a claim in no way limits your legal options

Myth 4: If I am partially at fault for my injury, I am not eligible to obtain any compensation.

There are many different types of negligence that take the fault of everyone into account. It's possible that you are still eligible to receive compensation from a personal injury lawsuit even if you are partially at fault for the injuries you suffered.

Myth 5: Any attorney can handle a personal injury case.

Personal injury attorneys are knowledgeable about case law that every attorney is not familiar with.

Many cases settle without a trial but you should always work with a personal injury attorney that is experienced with litigation.

If your case does not settle, you definitely want an advocate experienced with a jury trial to help with your lawsuit.

Myth 6: A personal injury attorney requires a down payment to handle my case.

The fact is you don't have to pay a cent unless a personal injury attorney is successful in gaining compensation for you. If no money is collected, no fee is paid.

This is how personal injury attorneys get paid and fight for your rights.

Myth 7: I only have a year to file a lawsuit to gain compensation for my injury.

Time limits change from state to state.

In some cases, you may have only one year to file and in others it could be three years or in the case of an automobile accident, as little as 30 days.

In some states, you have two years from the date of the accident to file a claim, but if the state, county or municipality is responsible, as little as 90 days to put them on notice.

The only way to get the facts is to consult with a personal injury attorney who can look at your claim objectively and give you the answers you deserve.

Myth 8: Once I settle my claim, I can get more money in the future if I have additional medical bills.

When you receive that final check from an insurance company, you signed an agreement promising you will not return for more benefits.

Once your claim is settled, it is OVER! No matter what circumstances, you are not eligible for any additional funds.

Myth 9: There's too much red tape involved in seeking compensation for my injury.

If you hire a personal injury attorney, you will have the peace of mind in knowing he or she will take care of all of the necessary filing of paperwork.

You will also know it was done correctly and that you won't be penalized for any missteps.

Additionally, your attorney will handle all of the necessary court filings, contacting the responsible party and their insurance company attorneys.

Myth 10: The responsible party has told me they won't help me at all. That's the end of it.

Not true at all. Your rights include many, many other options. There are opportunities to file petitions, request hearings and appeal decisions.

This is even more reason to meet with a personal injury law attorney for a free consultation. An experienced attorney can help you sort out your case and decide

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your next best steps—all without a fee until the case is settled.

There are deadlines and time restrictions that must be carefully followed or you could be throwing away your rights. Time is **NOT** on your side with an accident injury and the process. If you have been denied help by the responsible party, it is NOT necessarily the end of the line for you to receive the benefits you deserve.

Final Thoughts

Thank you for taking the time to read this special report. It was our intention in providing you good information that you can use to make a more informed decision.

There is no way that we could answer every question or cover every situation in this special report. The best way for you to get the most accurate information concerning your unique situation is to make an appointment today with my office.

You are under no obligation during this appointment and we can talk about your unique situation and help you determine the next step together.

Give my office a call today at **504-226-5530**.

Remove the stress, worry and doubt and speak to us today. You will be glad you did.

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