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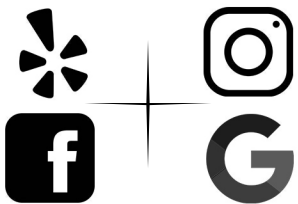
WELCOME TO DTLA MONTHLY, our monthly newsletter that aims to brief you about aspects of personal injury law about which you may have wondered at some point in your life. The way that laws frame the legality of personal injury can be complex and complicated — with language and vernacular that is not easy to comprehend. It takes qualified lawyers who've spent many years studying the law to make sense of it all.

Qualified attorneys who understand and can comprehend the multitude of complicated laws are able to explain the statutes that constitute personal injury. They can give you special insight into the laws that are pertinent to your case. It would not be helpful for your lawyer to quote auto accident injury laws when your injury was caused by a slip and fall accident in the parking lot of a store.

It's for this reason that you need a competent lawyer on your side. Our lawyers understand the law forwards and backwards and can bring clarity. We will answer any questions you may have regarding personal injury on subjects like statute of limitations, average settlements, legal procedures, and, most importantly, your rights as an injured person.

Can you file a lawsuit? When should you file it? How can you get the most compensation from your claim? Do you really even need a lawyer? (We think the answer to that is a definitive "Yes!")

DTLA MONTHLY will bring our knowledge to you and make it available so that you can learn the basics of the laws that pertain to both common, and rare personal injury claims. We want to make the law available to anyone who is curious to find out—and that's what you'll get here. Feel free to forward DTLA MONTHLY to anyone you hope will benefit from it and tell them to subscribe to our newsletter for more information about the law. Our attorneys are here for you and if you want to learn more regarding personal injury law or have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call. ♦ ♦ ♦



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Your Rights as an Uber Driver

WHEN UBER FIRST ROLLED OUT INTO THE STREETS, the world had never seen a service quite like it. The use of a smartphone to order a ride was novel. The convenience with which you could get a ride and at far cheaper rates than a taxi cab, caused Uber to rocket into popularity, and soon, more and more ridesharing companies emerged.

During this initial period, Uber drivers had very little protection in terms of insurance coverage. Their personal insurance denied coverage on the basis that working while driving temporarily voided their coverage. Their employer, Uber, denied coverage on the basis that drivers were independent contractors and, thus, were not responsible for their drivers' actions. Uber drivers had nowhere to turn, except to legislation. Laws were put into place that forced Uber to purchase commercial coverage for their drivers despite the fact they were contractors. A ruling in 2017, made Uber drivers employees, not contractors.

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS? As an Uber driver, you have access to the \$1 million commercial insurance policy when you get into an accident, but only when you are "officially" driving for Uber. The definitions regarding when you are or are not legally driving for Uber are defined below:

- **Off-line:** When an Uber driver is offline (i.e., their Uber application is off and are on their own), their personal auto insurance will cover drivers.

- **Open and Available:** The app is open and the driver is available to accept rides, but crucially, they have not yet accepted a ride. During this time, drivers have the \$50,000/100,000 policy on personal injury, \$30,000 in property damage, and a \$200,000 in excess damage coverage.

- **Trip Accepted:** A trip has been accepted by the driver is on their way to pick up the customer. It is now that the drivers have access to the \$1,000,000 policy, with a \$1,000 deductible.

- **On the Trip:** The Uber driver has picked up the passenger and is on their way to the customer's destination. Here, too, they have access to the \$1,000,000 policy along with comprehensive collision coverage with a \$1,000 deductible.

When you are active for Uber, you have access to their insurance coverages to protect you if you get into an accident. Uber insurance adjusters are specially trained to get you to admit some sort of fault, thus absolving them of responsibility.

It is for this reason that you need to contact an Uber auto accident attorney. An expert Uber lawyer will represent you and talk to the adjusters on your behalf. An expert attorney will have the knowledge to get you the maximum amount of compensation for your injuries. ♦♦♦

Ask an Attorney

with Marc Smith, Esq. Attorney at Law

Q: I was in a motorcycle accident, who is going to pay for my medical bills?



A: Motorcycle accident injuries can be devastating to both your physical well-being and your economic lifestyle. If you already received emergency medical treatment and you have no health insurance, let the attorneys at DTLA help you. We can review your medical bills and, in most situations, get the medical providers to work with our office so you don't have to stress over the expensive medical bills. If you need medical treatment and don't have any health insurance or the resources to pay for your treatment, DTLA has a network of doctors available to immediately help you with your injuries. Call DTLA for a free consultation.

Q: My motorcycle crash injuries are too severe, and I am losing money because I can't work — what can I do?

A: If you have been injured in a motorcycle accident it's likely you won't be able to work until you recover from your injuries. This can be a stressful and scary time for anyone dealing with a motorcycle accident injury. You are entitled to compensation for your lost wages as a result of someone else's negligence. You should contact one of our qualified attorneys immediately to discuss your situation. Call DTLA for a free consultation. ♦ ♦ ♦

Free Legal Consultation

Our law firm offers attorney consultations free of charge. This means you have the opportunity to sit with one of our lawyers and explain your case to them. They will give you their initial thoughts and answer any questions you may have about the legal process. We want our clients to have a deep understanding of what is to come before they make decisions regarding legal counsel.

Zero-Fee Guarantee

Our zero-fee guarantee is our promise to the client that we will not charge you our legal fees unless we do our job and win your case. Additionally, you will not owe us a penny until your case is fully settled. That means you don't have to worry about dealing with costs and fees, and can focus on your recovery.



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