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Bad Lawyers & What to Do With Them

Can You Replace Your Lawyer?

After suffering an accident or any harm as a result of the negligence of others, many people seek legal assistance. Out of desperation to start their claims and the process of being compensated, many people mistakenly allow unqualified and inexperienced lawyers to handle their claims. Because of this, injured or harmed parties are often left dealing with incompetent attorneys.

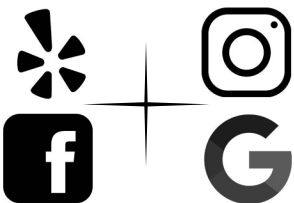
What should you do if your current attorney is incompetent? If you are unhappy with your current attorney's work, you have the right to replace your attorney. Some of the common reasons for switching attorneys are listed below.

The current attorney does not:

- Efficiently communicate with the client, creating doubts and confusion
- Have the experience required to handle the claim efficiently
- Make him or herself available to the client
- Understand the client's situation, which prevents the attorney from being committed and invested in the client's claim

Whatever your reason behind making the decision to switching your attorney, you have the right to fire and rehire another attorney at any time during your case. Your right to change your attorney is based on law. In California, for example, the law states that, with the consent of both parties (clients and attorneys), an attorney can be changed at any time. There must also be a written notice given to the attorney being substituted; in some cases, the court must also be notified of the change.

Before you fire your attorney, you must do two things: (1) become familiar with the discharge details of your retainer agreement and (2) find a new attorney. Many law firms, including Downtown L.A. Law Group, offer free second opinions to parties who are looking to replace their current attorneys with competent lawyers. When you contact our law firm to schedule a free second opinion, our lawyers will answer all your questions, address all your concerns, and clarify all the doubts and confusion created by incompetent attorneys. If you decide to allow our firm to handle your claim, we will complete the process of finalizing your switch of attorneys—to facilitate the process and ensure that your claim is efficiently handled immediately. ♦ ♦ ♦



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When someone is the victim in a personal injury accident, they are typically entitled to receive compensation for their damages. Damages normally include bodily injury which require medical treatment — which we all know in this country is outrageously expensive — and if the injuries are extensive enough, the treatment and recovery time may impede their ability to work. When people don't work, they don't get paid. If you don't get paid, that means you won't be able to pay your bills on time which will lead to some real trouble.

Lawyers are here to ensure that you get the money you deserve for your damages, as well as any compensation you're entitled to. Compensation may include medical bills for any past and future treatment, lost wages, and psychological damages triggered by the accident.

Many people, however, do not seek legal consultation after they are involved in an accident because of their fear of how much the lawyer will charge them after all is said and done.

At our law firm, our contingent on the total settlement amount. That means, that if your settlement for your accident settles at \$300,000, we will only charge \$100,000, much lower than many other law firms who claim to put their customers first. The reason we don't charge as much as other law firms is because we understand that you are not a case number. We know you are a person and we fight for justice.

Our law firm offers the zero-fee guarantee, as well as free legal consultation. We do not charge you if we can't prove your case. Additionally, you can come into our office to talk about the details of your case free of charge. Our attorneys will listen to you and give you their professional legal opinion regarding your case.

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AUTO ACCIDENTS ACCOUNT FOR A LARGEST PERCENTAGE of preventable injuries in the United States. Victim of traffic accidents believe they can count on medical doctors and nurses in emergency room will be able to properly treat their injuries. Unfortunately for many the injuries sustained in a car accident are only compounded by the negligent medical care of practicing physicians. Our personal injury law firm is dedicated to protecting the rights of individuals who have suffered grievous harm due to the medical negligence of physicians.

Types of Medical Malpractice Following a Car Accident

- Medical Mistakes made by the paramedics
- Emergency Room visit malpractice
- Failure to diagnose a medical illness
- Failure to properly treat injuries
- Failure to perform needed medical procedures and surgeries
- Medication Errors

Who Can be Held liable for post auto accident Medical Negligence Injuries

Under the common law doctrines of "eggshell plaintiff" and "approximate and foreseeable causation" the original negligent party (ie the driver at fault in the auto accident) can be held liable for all superseding negligent causes of other individuals within the chain of actions. In other words the defendant at fault for injuries during a car accident is also liable if medical malpractice during the treatment of those injuries. Other parties that can be held partially liable for medical negligence during the treatment of injuries following an auto accident include:

- Emergency room staff including ER physicians
- Hospitals and Clinics
- Manufacturers of defective medical products



What is Medical Malpractice: Under California State Law medical malpractice takes place when a medical doctor, physician, or medical facility fail to provide an emergency room patient with the appropriate level of care as defined by the standard of care provided by other doctors, and medical facilities within that specialty. For example if a radiologist fails to perform a test which doctors within the field of radiology ought to after a car accident victim is complaining of chest pain test then medical malpractice can be established.

Compensation for Your Injuries – Filing a Lawsuit

Victims and Medical Malpractice have the right to seek monetary compensation from all liable parties including

- All past and future medical costs
- Cost of rehabilitation and revision medical procedures
- Lost wages and future loss of income
- Nursing and disability care
- Pain and Suffering including mental anguish and post traumatic stress

Our team of litigators is available to answer any legal questions you may have regarding your case 24 hours per day 7 days per week. All initial consultations regarding your legal matter are completely free of charge. ◆ ◆ ◆



AIR BAG DEPLOYMENT CASES ARE COMMON and generally fall within one of two categories (1) failure to deploy; or (2) improper deployment.

Defective Air Bag Attorney Failure to deploy cases occur under a number of different circumstances whether it is a defect in the crash sensor defect, failure to inflate properly or a overall defect in the airbag. Recently Kia Motors Toyota, Honda, Nissan, Subaru Honda have had issues with deployment of airbags in car accidents leading to thousands of vehicle being recalled recalls for airbag defects.

Improper deployment occurs when the air bag deploys, but does so improperly. Generally speaking air bags are designed to offer a safety blanket to help avoid injuries. When an airbag deploy improperly it is because of some type of defect in the product. Whether it is a improper deployment or failure to deploy with regards to airbag issues, our firm can help with your recovery. Below is a list of resources to consider with regards to your cause of action.

HOW AIRBAGS WORK: FAILURE TO DEPLOY ISSUES

Airbags are an added safety measure to your vehicle and with today's technology deploy multiple factors with regards to proper deployment. An air bag will deploy when the vehicle is involved in a collision which deliver a signal causing the deployment to occur. Generally, for an air bag to deploy there must be a collision causing impact equal to a certain amount of force. As a rule of thumb car collisions between 10-15 MPH will deploy an airbag.

Airbags will deploy upon a collision causing a chain reaction between two chemicals Sodium Azide (NaN_3) and Potassium Nitrate (KN03) which release nitrogen gas, which is responsible for inflating the airbag.

However, often times airbags fail to meet the proper chemical reaction required for deployment in a timely manner and thus cause injuries which they were designed to protect. In such instances it is important to seek proper legal assistance to protect your rights.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOUR ACCIDENT

After the accident it is important to make sure all parties are safe and that proper medical treatment is rendered. It is also important to preserve the evidence including the airbag and any all related information to the collision. Our staff has the resources and technicians who will examine and identify the cause of the airbag defect and allow us to properly pursue your case. With the proper analysis of the air bag and other related components we can make a proper determination of the root of the air bag malfunction and build your case. However, it is important that such relevant information be maintained for examination.

We recommend contacting our offices for a free evaluation and examination of the facts to determine the best action to take.

AIR BAG CHEMICALS AND DANGERS TO YOUR HEALTH

Los Angeles Air Bag Attorney Air bags can release certain toxic chemicals at deployment which can be hazardous to your health if inhaled. While these chemicals are necessary in order to create the proper chain reaction needed to inflate the air bag they can still be dangerous. The two chemicals found in airbag's are Sodium Azide and Potassium Nitrate. When your airbag improperly inflates these chemicals are released which can cause mild to serious side-effects which include:

- Rapid breathing
- Restlessness
- Dizziness
- Weakness
- Headache
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid heart rate
- Red eyes (gas or dust exposure)
- Clear drainage from the nose (gas or dust exposure)
- Cough (gas or dust exposure)
- Skin burns and blisters (explosion or direct skin contact)
- This list is not meant to be a comprehensive outline of all side-effects, but is important to note that such side-effects can be serious and medical treatment may be required. Downtown LA Law airbag accident and defect attorneys can assist you with your claim and help you recover.

INJURIES RELATED TO AIRBAG ACCIDENTS

Common injuries related to airbag accidents include:

- Loss of life;
 - Brain injuries including traumatic brain injury;
 - Spine, neck and head injuries;
 - Shock;
 - Thoracic trauma to the body;
 - Loss of limbs;
 - Facial and body lacerations;
 - Allergic reactions;
 - Concussions; and
 - Loss of eye sight and or loss or diminished hearing capabilities.
- These injuries can be serious and require proper legal attention. If you have been injured as a result of your airbag not deploying contact our Los Angeles airbag defect lawyers at Downtown L.A. Law Group. We fight hard so you don't need to. ♦ ♦ ♦

Ask an Attorney

with Sal Hendizadeh, Esq. Attorney at Law

Q: I already have legal counsel, but am skeptical over my attorney's estimate over what they can get me. Can I get a second opinion?

A: If you already have a lawyer it is within your right to seek a second opinion from another attorney.

Unfortunately, there are many attorneys that only have their own interest at heart. As a result of this selfishness, it is the client who suffers and does not recover fully from their damages.

We at the DTLA Law Group offer our clients free second opinions. One of our attorneys will always be available to speak with you regarding your case. We will answer any questions you may have and go over the facts of your case. We will give you our honest opinion on the quality of your case and an estimate regarding the compensation you could get after your case is settled. Call our law offices today to get your free second opinion.

Q: How much will I have to pay if I select you as my lawyer?

A: Unlike most lawyers, we do not charge by an hourly rate. Instead, we base our fees off a contingency that is based off of your total settlement amount. We believe this practice keeps us honest and lets you know that we are here for you, not our attorney fees.

So no matter how much settlement you receive, our fees will stay the same. The percentage of our fees may vary. Our attorneys always take the time to ensure you understand our fees before we move forward with your case. It is our mission to get you the compensation you deserve. To prove this, we offer free legal consultation. Our attorneys will sit down with you and answer all questions you have regarding your case, free of charge. Contact our law office today. ♦ ♦ ♦



Most Recent Settlements 2018

\$105,000

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

A driver was rear-ended while they were on their way to pick up a passenger. The client suffered back and neck pain.

\$480,000

BICYCLE ACCIDENT

Our client was broadsided by a vehicle while they were riding their bike. The client suffered chronic injuries to their spine.

\$525,000

AUTO ACCIDENT

A car merged into our client's lane causing her vehicle to roll over. The client suffered head and spinal injuries.

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