



CAR ACCIDENT INJURY **GUIDE**

Navigating Your **Car Accident Injury Claim**

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Accidents that result in personal injury happen on a daily basis. Whether its on the road, in a public place or at work, when people are injured, knowing what to do next very important.

Due to the fact that all personal injury cases will vary and each state has it's own laws as to when and how you can pursue compensation, this guidebook is a great first step in understanding what to do next.

In this FREE guide, you will learn more about types of claims, do's and don'ts when you've been in an accident, the process of filing a claim, and much more.

If you have any additional questions or would like to set up your FREE consultation with a personal injury attorney, please feel free to contact us on (800) 863-5312 or visit the Zinda Law Group website at www.zdfirm.com.

Sincerely,

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Overview of Car Accidents

Any time a motorist is distracted or drives carelessly or recklessly, an accident can result. A considerable number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities occur because a driver was intoxicated or driving under the influence.

The majority of motor vehicle accidents happen when a driver fails to pay proper attention to the road, exceeds the speed limit, or disobeys a traffic law. A car may be involved in a single vehicle accident or a collision with other automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, bicycles, or pedestrians. The outcome of any of these accidents can be catastrophic.

Some of the types of car accident injury claims we can assist with include:

- Multi-Vehicle Accidents
- Rear-End Accidents
- Head-On Accident
- Texting While Driving
- Drunk Driving
- Uninsured Driving
- Underinsured Motorists

In addition, car accident victims sometimes deal with the situation of a hit-and-run accident, which can be particularly problematic. A competent investigation that is conducted by the police and overseen by a personal injury attorney can often help find the hit-and-run driver and hold that individual accountable for the damage they caused. Such offenders will face additional legal penalties that other drivers do not face.

Car Accident Injuries

The injuries sustained in a car accident often depend on a number of factors, including:

- If the driver and passengers were wearing seatbelts;
- The speed at which the car was traveling;
- The place where the car hit another object;
- Whether the car rolled over or caught fire; and
- How well the car handled the impact.

Some car wreck victims are fortunate enough to walk away from the accident with perhaps only a few cuts and bruises but without significant physical harm. Many others, however, suffer severe injuries, including damage to the head or neck, broken or dislocated bones and limbs, nerve damage and paralysis, and even death.

Each case is unique regarding the degree of injury and other damages suffered by the victim. Zinda Law Group can help you determine how to move forward and pursue the compensation you deserve.

Help for Accident Victims

Our experienced attorneys may be able to help determine if someone is liable for your injuries. If another driver was responsible for the accident, it is likely that they will owe you monetary damages. These can include compensatory or punitive damages.

Compensatory damages include lost wages, past and future medical expenses, and pain and suffering. These types of damages attempt to put a victim back into the position they were in before being injured.

In some cases, punitive damages are also awarded. Punitive damages are given to the injured person in order to penalize wrongdoers who commit criminal or grossly negligent acts and to deter others from repeating similar acts. A common example where punitive damages may be awarded is a case involving drunk driving, when getting behind the wheel and driving was a criminal act.

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Auto Accident Do's and Don'ts

Many people find it difficult to remember all the things they're supposed to do after a car wreck. No matter whether they were involved in a serious accident or a tiny fender-bender, a victim will likely be shaken up and not quite thinking clearly.

This is why it is important to consider some general auto accident do's and don'ts long before you need them and to carry a list of these items in your vehicle for when you do.

Do:

- Before taking any other steps, get **medical help** for anyone who needs it--including yourself. For people who aren't sure if they need assistance, choose to be safe rather than sorry and go to the emergency room as soon as possible.
- **Call the police** if the situation warrants it. The police may only respond to injury accidents in some areas, while in others they will come to any accident when someone calls. Having a police report to document the situation can be a great help later.
- **Exchange information with the other driver.** This should include the vehicle's license plate and the driver's name, phone number, insurance information, and address. The make, model, and year of the car and the driver's license number of the driver are also helpful pieces of information.
- Get such information as names, telephone numbers, and addresses of any **witnesses** at the scene. Note that while you may want to get their information as well, passengers in any vehicle involved in the accident are not witnesses.
- **Photograph or document the scene.** If you have a cell phone camera or another type of camera, take pictures of any property damage or injuries sustained.
- Collect and **keep any evidence** relevant to the accident. This could include evidence of injury like bloody clothing or evidence of what caused the accident, such as road debris.
- **Contact** the companies that handle your automobile, health, and homeowner's insurance policies as soon as possible.
- Consult with a **personal injury attorney**.

Don't:

- **Flee the scene** of the accident. At best, this doesn't look good; at worst, it is a crime. If the police come to assist, do not leave until they tell you it is okay.
- **Move your car** unless required for safety or legal reasons. However, if police or other emergency personnel ask you to do so, follow their instructions.
- **Remain in the area** if it is not safe. If staying with your car could subject you to further injury, get out of the vehicle and move to a sidewalk or other safe area.
- **Admit guilt**, apologize, or discuss fault with anyone. This can be used as evidence against you at a later date.
- **Accept any settlements** or make any statements to insurance companies other than yours without talking to your attorney first.
- **Wait to contact your attorney.** The earlier you get legal aid, the easier it will be for them to make a good case.

Drunk Driving Accidents

Two out of three people will be involved in a drunk driving accident sometime during their lives. Every two minutes, someone is injured as a result of a drunk driving incident, and drunk driving crashes claim more than 10,000 lives per year. Drunk driving accidents can have devastating consequences for innocent individuals who, through no fault of their own, are injured or killed by an impaired driver.

Being the victim of a drunk driving accident can be overwhelming. If you are seriously injured, you worry about how to pay exorbitant medical bills and how to repair or replace your car, all of which is compounded by the fact that you may be financially strapped because you're forced to miss work while you heal.

Additionally, victims often experience anger knowing that the accident would not have happened if this person had not been on the road.

Assessing the Value of a Drunk Driving Injury Claim

Drunk driving accidents can often yield a higher settlement or judgment than a case involving a non-impaired driver. Determining the value of a drunk driving case will require the help of an experienced personal injury attorney.

The first step in valuing a case is determining fault, and in a drunk driving case, it is often straightforward that the drunk driver's negligence caused the crash. If the driver has a history of DWI convictions, that generally may increase the value of the claim. Assessing the value of a drunk driving injury case also may depend on:

- The severity of the DWI charge that the at-fault driver receives;
- Their previous driving history;
- Severity and permanence of your injuries;
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- Medical expenses incurred; and
- Lost income.

If the drunk driver receives a citation or was arrested for a DWI, you may be in a better position when negotiating your claim.

Be sure to follow up on the driver's arrest to confirm if the driver was convicted. However, to help seek the best chance of obtaining the recovery you deserve, it's imperative that you contact an experienced personal injury attorney to help negotiate your claim.

How Do I Recover Compensation?

If you are injured in an accident with a drunk driver, insurance should cover a portion or all of the damages you suffered. However, it is important to take your time before rushing into any settlement offered by an insurance company.

Be sure you know the extent of your injuries and your financial losses before you commit. Once your condition has stabilized and you realize the costs associated with your recovery and how much time you will be off work, you will be in a better position to evaluate settlement offers.

What If the Drunk Driver Is Uninsured?

Unfortunately, there are times when the drunk driver at fault is either uninsured or does not carry enough insurance to cover your expenses. If you find yourself in a situation such as this, you may be able to bring a claim against your own insurance company.

Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages can make up the difference in these situations. However, this is coverage you had to have on your policy prior to the accident.

Will I Need to File a Lawsuit?

When insurance fails to fully cover your expenses, you may be able to pursue compensation through a lawsuit. Often, courts find that victims of drunk driving accidents are entitled to compensation for pain and suffering and loss of mobility, in addition to other financial losses. In some states, if a drunk driver's blood alcohol content exceeds a certain threshold, a victim can pursue punitive damages as well.

However, lawsuits are costly and time-consuming and should be seen only as a last resort. In the event that you may have to go to trial, it is important to get a copy of the police report and keep records of such things as medical bills, lost earnings, and property damage.

State laws govern the amount of coverage drivers must carry and whether you can bring a lawsuit regarding a car accident. Being informed of the local laws is a powerful weapon when it comes to navigating the aftermath of an accident. Whether you proceed with a lawsuit or accept a settlement from the driver's insurance company, an experienced personal injury lawyer can advise you to ensure you seek the full compensation to which you may be entitled.

Uninsured Motorist Accidents

While all states require drivers to carry liability insurance, not all drivers do. If you are hit by an uninsured driver, you may feel unsure how you should proceed. Though your legal options are limited, you still have ways to pursue recourse.

Your potential to recover may be greater if your own auto insurance policy covers against uninsured motorists. If it does not, you still have the option of suing the driver who hit you.

Option 1: Recover Damages from Your Insurance Policy

You may have the option of purchasing uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage through your automobile insurance policy. This type of insurance may allow you to be compensated for your injuries in an accident where the at-fault driver lacks insurance. Ideally, it would allow you to receive the same types of payment you would if the at-fault driver carried insurance of their own.

If you are not sure whether you have this type of coverage, you should contact your insurance company to find out. If you do have the coverage, and the other driver is found to be at fault for the wreck, you may make a claim under this portion of your policy.

It may be good to keep in mind that several uninsured motorist policies also allow you to recover if the accident was a hit-and-run, and the at-fault driver was not identified.

Option 2: Consider Suing the Insured Driver

If your insurance company informs you that you do not have uninsured motorist coverage, you may want to think about filing a lawsuit against the other driver. It will be important to think about the costs and benefits associated with doing so.

In particular, will the other driver likely be able to pay a judgment? If they have foregone insurance, they may not have the money or assets needed to pay for the damages you have sustained. The damage to your vehicle, medical bills, and lost wages may be costly, so the other driver's ability to pay the judgment will probably be key.

Will it be easy to prove that the other driver was at fault, or could it be less clear, possibly resulting in a protracted lawsuit and additional legal fees? A car accident attorney can help you to further weigh the costs and benefits of commencing a lawsuit.

Hit-And-Run Accidents

It is more difficult than ever to get away with a hit and run. Most storefronts and commercial offices have camera surveillance to provide evidence of accidents. It is easy to quickly record damage of a vehicle and accident scene with a cell phone camera.

Despite these difficulties, hit-and-run accidents still happen, and they can lead to extensive physical and emotional burdens. However, there are a few things you can do to seek the best possible recovery of your health and finances.

The following are six things you should do after a hit-and-run accident.

1. Pull Over Safely

After the car accident, find a safe place to pull over immediately. Do not stop in a moving lane of a highway.

It is of the utmost importance that you do not attempt to chase down the other driver, as this can only worsen the damage that has already occurred.

2. Seek Medical Treatment

Even if you feel that your injuries do not require immediate medical attention, it is extremely important to visit the emergency room or your primary care physician as quickly as possible. The shock and adrenaline may mask some of the symptoms of a serious injury. Your own health and well-being are paramount, and failing to address the direct health effects of an auto accident can lead to more severe problems in the future.

Furthermore, in the case that you decide to seek financial recovery for your injuries, it is important to establish a paper trail of medical records to prove the severity of your injuries. For example, if you wait two weeks after an accident to seek treatment for a cervical strain, the insurance company you wish to recover from may use that information against you in order to prove that your injuries are not as severe as you claim.

3. Record as Much Information as You Can

It can be very difficult to capture evidence after a hit-and-run accident. You've just gone through a traumatic accident and you are likely injured, while the other motorist is speeding away. Though it may not be possible to record everything, it's important you try to document the following items to the best of your ability:

- Time and location of the accident;
- Pictures of the accident scene, including any damage to your vehicle; and
- Contact information of any witnesses on the scene.

If the hit and run took place while you were not at your vehicle, take note of:

- Location of your vehicle;
- Window of the time when the collision could have occurred; and
- Pictures of the damage, including any paint residue left behind from the other vehicle

4. Report the Incident to Police

Once you've taken all the possible notes you can about the accident, call the police and file a report of the incident. When the police arrive, they will ask you to complete an accident report with them, at which point you should include all available witnesses.

5. Find an Auto Accident Attorney

Contact an experienced personal injury lawyer. Do a thorough search online and ask your family and friends if they would suggest someone. Make sure to properly vet any potential options and gather information about their reputation before making a decision.

6. Avoid Sharing on Social Media

If there is any evidence publicly available online to suggest that the accident was less severe than you are claiming, that can and will be used against you to reduce the settlement you deserve. Claims adjusters will be investigating any publicly available information about your situation that they can find.

In the time after the accident and before you've officially received a settlement, it is a best practice to turn your social media profiles on private if they are not already. For example, posting a picture of yourself on a bike ride three days after an accident will make it significantly harder to seek compensation for a serious leg injury you may have suffered.

Rideshare Accidents

Rideshare companies like Uber and Lyft have become popular across the U.S. in recent years. As the number of rideshare drivers on the roads increases, it is natural to expect that these drivers may become involved in accidents.

If you happen to be a passenger in a rideshare that is involved in an accident, you may wonder who will be responsible for covering any medical or other expenses that you might incur as a result of the accident.

How Are Uber Accidents Different?

In general, a car accident involving an Uber vehicle is treated as if it were any other auto collision. The investigating officer will examine the accident scene and interview the drivers, passengers, and witnesses. The officer will then complete an accident report and, if necessary, issue traffic citations to the offender.

If you are able, you should get as much information regarding both drivers' insurance coverage and a copy of the accident report when it is completed. The main difference in an Uber accident and normal car accident is the insurance policy you will be covered under.

Dealing with Insurance Companies and Insurance Adjusters

If you were injured in an accident as an Uber passenger, you may be covered by Uber's commercial liability insurance. This insurance covers your medical expenses and other losses up to the policy's limit of \$1 million if the Uber driver was at fault in the accident or if the other driver was uninsured or underinsured.

If another driver was at fault, his or her insurance will usually be responsible for your injuries. Any shortfalls in insurance coverage should be covered by Uber, but sometimes this will be a point of disagreement between the insurance carriers.

After an accident, the insurance company will assign an adjuster to handle the details of your claim. Despite what they may tell you, you must remember that the adjuster has only one goal: reduce the amount of money their employer will have to spend to settle your claim.

This is why we recommend that anyone injured in an accident involving an Uber vehicle should meet with one of our Uber accident lawyers as soon as possible after the accident. Our attorneys can help you negotiate with the insurance companies and ensure no common mistakes are made that could jeopardize your claim.

What If I'm a Crash While Pregnant?

While pregnancy comes with a lot of excitement, many people do not understand the mental and physical stresses placed on an expecting mother. Even the smallest setback, like having a long walk to your car in a parking lot, can at times be a source of frustration.

Naturally, experiencing a car accident at this busy time can feel like too much to handle. You feel responsible not just for your own well-being but also for the health and safety of your unborn child. To protect yourself and your unborn baby, it is important to know the special legal protections to which you are entitled.

What to Do to Protect You and Your Unborn Child

First and foremost, seek out medical attention immediately. This includes immediately informing first responders on the scene that you are pregnant. That way, they can start monitoring you and your child right away.

After the accident, even if your child seemed healthy after receiving monitoring from first responders, you should go to the hospital to get verification that you and your unborn baby are both in good health. Even if the crash seemed like a minor fender bender, it is better to be safe than sorry when both of your overall health may depend on it.

In the days following the accident, continue to go to follow-up appointments that you have scheduled. This is not only in your best interest health-wise but also is a safe way to ensure that the insurance company will verify that your emotional distress claims are genuine. That way, you are more likely to receive fair compensation for your injury.

Attend scheduled medical appointments after the birth of your child. Unfortunately, some signs of injury relating to the crash may not be immediately apparent, so it is important to stay vigilant so that you can detect any possible signs of injury later on.

When Is the Best Time to File a Claim?

Because signs of your child's injuries may not present themselves until later, sometimes it is a wise decision to wait until after you give birth, and your child has grown, to see if your child has suffered any injuries from the accident.

A relatively common example is premature birth resulting from accident trauma. If that becomes the case, a large part of your legal claim would become your child's medical bills for treatment for delayed development or other problems that premature babies often face.

Unique Legal Protections for Pregnant Women in Car Accidents

Thankfully, the legal system realizes that as an expecting mother involved in a car accident, you experience different challenges than other accident victims. This gives you some special legal remedies.

Like any other person in a car accident, you may be able to take legal action against the at-fault driver for your medical bills, lost wages, emotional distress, or other losses that you suffered from the collision. Being pregnant is an factor that insurance companies must factor into your claim, which can entitle you to significant damages.

Your pain and suffering damages may also be greater. As an expecting mother involved in an auto accident, you will be worried about the well-being of your unborn child, as well as yourself, which can cause heightened stress. Having to wait and see whether your child is completely healthy until well after they are born also compounds this worry.

What If I'm Partially Responsible for the Wreck?

If you're involved in a car accident, deciding who is at fault can be complicated. While sometimes the cause of an accident is obvious, other times it may be hard to tell what actually happened or someone may refuse to admit that they caused or contributed to the accident.

Perhaps your actions also played a part in the incident. If this is the case, will you be able to recover damages if you are injured in the accident? If you are partially responsible for an accident, what you are entitled to recover will usually depend on the state in which the accident occurred and how much you actually contributed to the accident.

In most states, you would be entitled to some damages even if you are 49 percent at fault for the crash. However, in other states, any contributory negligence would completely bar recovery.

If you've been injured in a car accident, contact an experienced car accident lawyer to discuss your case, even if you think you might be partially at fault. By consulting with a lawyer, you can get a better idea as to whether you can seek any compensation.

Theories of Comparative Negligence

When it comes to personal injury claims, some states split the responsibility for an accident by using comparative negligence theories. What this means is that, depending on the state, your damages may be reduced by the percentage of fault that is attributable to you.

For instance, if you have damages worth \$100,000 and it is found that your own negligence contributed to the crash by 20 percent and the other motorist contributed 80 percent, your damages would be reduced by 20 percent. Thus, you would only be able to seek \$80,000. On the other hand, if you are 80 percent at fault, you may be able to seek only \$20,000.

This example is the case when it comes to states that follow a "pure" theory of comparative fault. Thirteen states recognize the pure comparative fault rule, which allows an injured individual to recover even if they are 99 percent at fault.

Other states follow different theories of contributory negligence. Only four states and the District of Columbia recognize what's called "pure contributory negligence." Under this theory, injured individuals cannot collect damages even if they are only one percent at fault for an accident.

Modified Comparative Fault Rule

The majority of states follow the modified comparative fault rule, though there are two competing theories when it comes to this rule.

Twelve states follow the 50 percent bar rule, which means that a damaged individual will not recover if their fault is 50 percent or more. However, if the individual is 49 percent at fault or less, they can still recover, though the recovery may be reduced by the percentage of fault.

Negotiating with an Insurance Company

Say you are driving down the highway when all the sudden you are rear-ended by another vehicle. The driver who hit you was not paying attention to the flow of traffic because they were texting while driving. However, the driver of that vehicle is claiming that you slammed on your brakes too quickly. What happens at this point?

Now is the time to file a car accident claim. Regardless of your insurance provider, you will need to quickly report the accident. Waiting too long to file a claim can result in a denied claim. As soon as possible after your collision, you must report the accident to your insurance provider.

Understanding the Claims Process

You will be assigned to a claims adjuster who will ask you more questions about your accident, obtain information from the other driver's insurance company, and assess and explain your car insurance policy to you. All car insurance policies are different, which is why it is important to fully understand the terms of your policy. This way, you will not be caught off-guard when it comes to the settlement that you are offered.

Types of Insurance

There are eight major types of car insurance offered. Some of them are required, while others are optional, depending on where you live.

The first major type is **liability insurance**. Monthly premiums paid to a policy with liability coverage means that you will be covered in the event that you cause or contribute to an accident. This can cover medical expenses, damaged property, and even court fees.

Collision insurance pays for all damages that your vehicle sustained, while **comprehensive insurance** covers all other damages that your vehicle sustains outside of damage inflicted by other vehicles. For example, vandalism, hail damage, and theft can be covered under this line.

Medical coverage pays for medical expenses regardless of whether you or the other driver was at fault. There is also **personal injury protection (PIP), uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages, and rental reimbursement automobile insurance coverage**. Depending on what your policy includes, your claim adjuster will propose a settlement amount to cover your damages. Sometimes this amount is adequate to cover your costs and other times it is not.

Negotiating a Settlement Offer

You are absolutely entitled to negotiate the settlement that your insurance company offers you. Keep in mind, though, that you must have good reason to do so. Stay informed and make sure you fully understand what you are entitled to under your policy.

Also, keep track of all expenses that you incurred because of your car accident. This can include medical bills, correspondence with your insurance company, cost of a replacement vehicle, and even lost wages for any time you had to take off of work to recover.

You can write a demand letter for a higher amount if you have calculated what you believe your claim should be worth. This process is best carried out with the assistance of an attorney.

What our law firm is prepared to do is to investigate your claim and your policy and help you file all the necessary forms to help you seek maximum compensation. You shouldn't have to settle for any less than what is entitled to you under the terms of your policy.

Finding a Car Accident Lawyer

Many people wonder how long they can wait after a car accident to find an injury lawyer. In almost every case, you are better off speaking with an attorney sooner rather than later. It may be more difficult to sue and seek compensation the longer you wait after a car accident.

What to Do Immediately After a Car Accident

If you have been injured in a car accident, the last thing on your to-do list might be contacting a lawyer. Your main priorities immediately after an accident should be contacting authorities and recovering from any injuries.

Dealing with the auto insurance company and making sure you can get back to work or school may also be important priorities. However, as soon as possible after a car accident, you should still think about contacting a lawyer.

Why Contact a Lawyer Immediately?

If the accident you were involved in resulted in any substantial injuries or damages to your car, an experienced personal injury attorney can help you determine what your case is worth and whether you might benefit from going forward with a lawsuit.

An experienced personal injury attorney can also help you seek compensation for the various costs and damages you have incurred. It is advisable to speak with a lawyer immediately after your accident, as they will be able to help plan out the necessary steps to get your life back on track.

Statute of Limitations

All states impose a statute of limitations for when a victim can bring a car accident claim. Though these timeframes vary, it's in your best interest to get legal advice as soon as possible after a wreck. Memories fade, and the longer you wait, the fuzzier the details might be in the minds of witnesses, the police, the other driver, and even yourself. Finding a lawyer soon after the accident may help preserve evidence, and will save you time in the end.

A lawyer can speak with witnesses for you and find key evidence, instead of you having to perform investigative work by yourself.

While it may seem like you have a long time to file a claim, in reality it flies by after you have been through an accident. Life's priorities and the lingering problems from an accident will likely take up most of your time.

Lawyers and Insurance Negotiations

A lawyer can ultimately help you seek compensation for damages stemming from your car accident. Therefore, it is best to contact an attorney as soon as possible after your car accident in order to begin the legal process.

Additionally, if you have begun negotiating with the insurance company on your own but are having trouble navigating the process, it may be best to contact an attorney. The sooner an attorney can get involved in your case, the sooner you may be able to focus on recovering from your injuries.

Likewise, if you have filed a lawsuit against the other driver, you should still contact an attorney. An attorney may help you make sense of the complex legal system, and more importantly, an experienced personal injury lawyer may help you seek more for your injuries than you would have been able to on your own.

How Long Does a Settlement Take?

Injured in a car accident? The process of seeking medical treatment, filing a claim, seeking compensation, and making a full recovery can be very complex. It is often difficult to determine exactly how long it will take if this is your first time going through a personal injury settlement.

The Different Parts of a Car Accident Injury Settlement

If you've recently been injured in an accident, you've most likely become aware of the complicated nature of recovering from and seeking compensation for a car accident. There are a variety of things that must take place to effectively receive a settlement.

These can include:

- Gathering witness testimonies;
- Exchanging insurance information with the opposing parties;
- Doing thorough research on which law firm to hire, and signing an agreement with them;
- Negotiating with insurance companies;
- Seeking appropriate treatment for all of your injuries, both mental and physical; and
- Appropriately documenting your pain and suffering to justify any multiplier or per diem additions to your settlement value.

The list above merely scratches the surface of what you must undertake to properly seek recovery for your damages. Doing this even when healthy can be burdensome, but carrying out these steps while injured can be completely overwhelming.

How Long Will My Injury Settlement Take?

The short answer is typically 2 to 12 months, with especially complicated proceedings extending over a period of years. The long answer is that it comes down to which law firm you choose to hire.

There are certain firms that operate on a volume basis, meaning they choose to take on as many cases as they can handle with the goal of settling them all as quickly as possible. If you choose to hire one of these firms, you may find that, while your case was settled quickly, your attorneys did not put enough effort into your case to seek the maximum compensation you may have deserved.

On the other hand, there are law firms that may take more time on average to settle a case because they truly believe in fighting for their clients. As such, they are unafraid to go to court, and are not seeking to simply settle every case as quickly as possible.

At Zinda Law Group, we believe every client is worth fighting for. We are unafraid to go to trial, and we will ensure to the best of our ability that your case will not be rushed and that we will help you seek every last penny that you may be entitled to.

About Zinda Law Group, PLLC

Representing All Types of Clients in Personal Injury Cases

The attorneys of Zinda Law Group, PLLC, represent injury victims in a wide range of personal injury cases. We know firsthand that the injuries suffered from an accident can be severe and life-altering for both the victim and their family.

Experienced Accident Litigators

Our experienced and knowledgeable attorneys will determine if someone is responsible for your injuries. If so, they may owe you monetary damages, including compensatory or punitive damages.

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How Zinda Law Group Can Help

If you have been injured in an accident, the attorneys at Zinda Law Group will provide the exceptional representation you need to seek a full recovery. Our firm offers experienced, knowledgeable, and compassionate representation to injury accident victims across the United States.

Our dedicated attorney team can fight for your full recovery, including medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, and more. We offer a free consultation to new clients and work on a contingency fee basis, which means if we don't win your case, you don't pay us anything. Call Zinda Law Group toll free at 800-863-5312 so we can start fighting for you.