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5 Ways To Wreck Your CT Auto Accident Claim

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Myths

- ♦ *A reasonable letter to the insurance company will receive a reasonable settlement.*
- ♦ *A recorded statement is required to settle an auto accident claim.*
- ♦ *All lawyers have the same ability and tools to handle your case.*
- ♦ *The insurance company for the person who hit you is required to pay your medical bills as they are incurred.*
- ♦ *Just because there has been an accident and it was not your fault, there must be some insurance company that will pay for your bills, lost wages and injuries.*
- ♦ *If a lawyer refers you to a doctor, that is a good idea.*

I Am Not Allowed to Give Legal Advice In This Book

*I know the arguments the insurance company will make
and so should you
before you file your claim.*

*I can offer suggestions and identify the traps,
But please do not consider anything in this book to be legal
advice until you have agreed to hire me in writing.*

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1. Not Having Accurate Tax Returns

In almost all cases, a claimant will have lost income because of the accident. You will only be able to claim your lost income if your past tax returns are perfect. You don't want to risk going to jail by claiming a loss of income, only to have your prior tax returns not back up your claim. Being honest with your attorney is the key, because he or she can deal with the problem if they know about it.

2. Hiding Past Car Accidents From Your Lawyer

Once you begin the case, the insurance company will be interested in finding out how many past accidents you have been in. They probably already know the answer or have easy access to that information. All insurance companies subscribe to insurance databases with this information and often the only reason they ask you to test your credibility. If you have been in other accidents, your lawyer can investigate and determine as to whether this is a valid problem in your case or not. If you do not tell your lawyer and you misrepresent your accident history to the insurance company, then it is almost guaranteed that you will lose your case.

3. Hiding Other Injuries

ALWAYS be honest with your attorney about any injuries that occurred before or after this accident. If you saw a doctor or other healthcare provider, then there is a record in existence that the insurance company will find. Your lawyer can handle this if he knows about it. If you lie about it, and the insurance company finds out, your case is over.

4. You are referred to a Doctor by your Lawyer.

The problem is that jurors (and anyone for that matter) are suspicious of lawyers and doctors who have a referral relationship.

You may not know how many of your lawyer's clients have been referred in the last 12 months to a particular doctor, but you be sure that the insurance company will find out about it. How credible will your doctor's testimony be when the jury finds out that he treated 50 patients from your lawyer last year?

Are there exceptions to this rule? Yes, there are.

You may have a special need for a doctor with a special expertise. It is perfectly legitimate for the attorney to make that suggestion/recommendation. If every client is getting referred to the same chiropractor or the same orthopedist, then you have a high possibility of hitting a wall at trial.

5. Misrepresenting Your Activity Level

Insurance companies will hire private investigators to conduct videotape surveillance.

If you claim that you can't run, climb or kneel, and you get caught on videotape, your case will be dropped. There is no explanation that can overcome a video of you.

Thank you for reading....

I am here to represent you and guide you through every step of your claim. At times the best advice is that you do not have a claim that can be won. If that is the case, we will tell you. If your case meets our criteria for acceptance, I assure you that you will receive my personal attention. I will keep you advised to the status of the case and give you my advice as to whether your case should be settled or go to trial.

Contact me today if you would like more information

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