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When a person is injured- whether it be from a traffic accident, an animal attack, or other unforeseen incident- it can be a very traumatic experience. It is important to hire an attorney that is knowledgeable and motivated to protect your rights, and gives you the personalized attention you deserve so that you receive adequate compensation for your injury. In the opinion of this attorney, your personal injury lawyer should:

1. Communicate with the insurance company while you worry about recovering from your injuries. Your attorney should take immediate action in your case to not allow insurance companies to take advantage of you right after the accident by getting you to make statements against your interest or subjecting you to trick questions and recorded conversations.

- It is ideal to have an attorney who will fight for your legal rights, not only in court, but also with your insurance company.

2. Interview witnesses and document evidence about the circumstances that led to you sustaining an auto accident injury. Your attorney should identify all responsible parties in your accident right away.

-This initial investigative work can be pivotal to your case if and when it goes to a trial or settles with the car insurance company. Such investigations will include photographing injuries that were sustained as well as damage to your property, such as your car.

3. If you are involved in a traffic accident, assist a client to have his or her property repaired.

-When someone is receiving medical care, it is not a good time for him or her to deal with mechanics, car insurance companies, or other related parties. You should get a lawyer that will protect all of your legal interests and be your one stop resource for your car accident claim.

4. Fully examine and document your injury so as to better understand other injuries that you should be compensated for.

-Some clients do not fully understand all of the types of damage that they can be compensated for. You need an attorney with a personalized touch to make sure you are compensated in accordance with all of your legal rights.

5. Make sure a client thoroughly understands the meaning of any document before the client signs.

-A medical patient receives an incredible amount of paperwork, and it is important to have an attorney that will help you manage the paperwork and understands the legal effects of such documents. It is important to meet with a skilled attorney before signing any document.

6. YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE INSURANCE COVERAGE TO TREAT WITH A DOCTOR OR THERAPIST FOR YOUR INJURIES. Your attorney will communicate with a medical billing office, especially if the client is out of work due to an injury.

- An injured person deserves an attorney that will communicate with a client's medical offices concerning health insurance or other insurance coverage to ensure that best possible treatment and circumstances until the client returns to work. You DO NOT need to pay your bills up front. Many offices understand that personal injury auto accident claims can take time to resolve and will allow

7. Ensure that all of your symptoms are diagnosed and documented.

-Some injuries manifest immediately, others develop over time. The mental anguish that some patients suffer may not be initially recognized. You want to hire an attorney that gives you the individual attention that you deserve.

-Your attorney should work with doctors and insurance companies to properly document all medical costs for reimbursement once your insurance claim settles. A single patient in a hospital seems to cost an entire forest in paperwork. You want an attorney that will help you manage the paperwork and document all of your medical and other related costs.

8. Thoroughly explain the advantages and disadvantages of a settlement offer, if one is proffered.

-If a client receives a settlement offer, it is important to have an attorney that wants what is best for you, not an easy payday. While a settlement offer may be enticing, it will inevitably have you forfeit some of your legal rights. Hire an attorney that will help you to fully comprehend any settlement offer before you sign it.

9. Communicate with a client while awaiting trial.

-A lawsuit can be a long and time-consuming process. It is necessary to have an attorney that will explain to you the timeline ahead, and will help you to take steps to best prepare for trial.

10. Thoroughly prepare a client for the stresses of trial.

-A trial can be a nerve-wracking experience and that may be intrusive to your personal solitude. Hire a dedicated attorney that will provide you with comfort and ease any anxiety.

Things to keep in mind: You hired a lawyer, not a paralegal or a secretary and you wouldn't expect that your lawyer would hand your case off to non-lawyer staff and then you never hear from that lawyer again. As you can imagine, there are quite a few offices out there that are like that. If this was your case, you would wonder whether your case was getting the attention it deserved and whether your lawyer was following these ten steps listed above.

But you have a choice when you hire an attorney and you do not have to choose the law firm with fancy slogans who may not have the time or expertise to provide excellent representation on your case.

Be sure that you hire an attorney who has enough time and patience to give individualized attention to your car accident injury claim. Your case is the most important thing to you and it should be treated the same way by your personal injury attorney.

The Law Offices of James A. Welcome provides clients with dedicated individualized attention in accordance with the ten principles listed above. Call Attorney Welcome today to discuss your case at 203-753-7300.

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