

Do You Really Need An Attorney For Your Car Accident Case?

How To Decide If You Need A Lawyer



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DO YOU REALLY NEED AN ATTORNEY?

HOW TO CHOOSE A LAWYER

You definitely do not need an attorney for every small accident case.

What is a small accident case? There are no hard and fast rules, but usually a small case involves an accident with no damage, or little damage, to the vehicle and where the treatment and/or injuries last no more than a few months. In a small case, the medical bills usually don't exceed a few thousand dollars. And the injuries are not usually considered permanent. These are cases that can often be settled or resolved without the assistance of an attorney. In my practice, I tell clients that it may not be cost effective to use an attorney for a small case because most of the recovery may go to pay the attorney and you may be left with very little afterwards. In small cases, I tell the person that he or she may have just as good a chance at recovering a settlement near or equal to one that the attorney can get for you.

With a small case, the person may be better served by handling the case on his or her own and without the assistance of an attorney. But even if you have a small case, this book can help guide you. If you feel comfortable gathering evidence and records to support your claim and negotiating with the insurance adjustor, then you may not need the assistance of an attorney.

However, the bigger the case the more likely you will benefit from using an experienced attorney. That is, in a bigger case you will likely recover more compensation for your injuries with the assistance of a lawyer than without (even after subtracting the lawyer's fee). Why is this so? Because the attorney has specialized knowledge and the legal authority to go to court, thereby forcing the insurance company to incur more expense by having to hire its own attorney(s). The experienced personal injury attorney usually has a better understanding of what the claim is worth and then can often effectively communicate the value of the claim to the insurance adjustor. Unless you're in the business of settling and litigating injury cases, the person without an attorney may be at a serious disadvantage when dealing with a seasoned insurance claims representative.

Before you decide on whether to hire an attorney...

Did you know that a 1999 study found that insurance companies pay higher settlements to injured people who use an attorney than those who do not?

Yes, it's true. In 1999 the insurance industry performed a study to find out if people who had accident claims received more money in settlement by using an attorney than those people who settled on their own. The study was performed by the Insurance Research Council, a non-profit organization that is supported by leading property and casualty insurance companies across the United States.

The mission of the IRC is to advance the insurance industry's view on matters crucial to insurance companies.² The IRC found that people who used an attorney received on average 3½ times more money in settlement than those individuals who settled on their own.

Often times accident victims are told by the insurance adjustor that they shouldn't hire a lawyer because they will receive less money in settlement.

This study shows that this simply is not true.

Our Services

We are here to represent you at every step of the way in your claim. Sometimes the best advice is that you do not have a claim that can be won. If that is true, we will tell you so. If your case meets our criteria for acceptance, you can be assured that you will receive my personal attention. I will keep you advised as to the status of the case and give you my advice as to whether your case should be settled or whether we should go to trial. If we go to trial, I will be the attorney trying your case.

An initial consultation is free. We will fully explain all fees and costs to you before proceeding. Together, as a team, we will decide on the tactics best suited for your case.

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Years of experience, concentrated on Accidents & Malpractices in serving Billings, Montana and surrounding areas has developed Neuhardt Law Firm into one of the best in America.

Our experienced team of skilled professionals provides expert care and advice to your accidents and malpractice needs in cases involving medical or nursing home malpractice, wrongful death, automobile or motorcycle accidents, injuries from products, slip and fall, and insurance claims.

Our dedicated team has proved their expertise and mettle in various high profile cases which may be broadly classified into cases of drugs, fraud, embezzlement, theft, weapons probation violations, assault, driving under the influence and white collar crimes.

All our services are available on a phone call to 406 294 9540 or with an email to solomon@mtaccidentattorney.com

About Solomon Neuhardt

Solomon Neuhardt has been representing individuals against insurance companies for years. Hopefully you have already visited



www.mtaccidentattorney.com.

It's got a ton of information, including up to date information about Montana car accident settlements and verdicts.

Solomon Neuhardt was selected for the 2006 "[Billings Business 40 Under 40](#)" which consists of the 40 most successful business people under the age of 40.

Solomon served as a consultant for Court TV during the trial of State v. Bieber, also referred to as the "Tiny Tots Daycare Case where Sabine Bieber was convicted of negligently killing one child and severely endangered other children by drugging them with high doses of a Benadryl equivalent.

Solomon is a Member of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association and the American Association for Justice (formerly the American Trial Lawyers Association).

Solomon grew up on Billings, Montana, attending Billings Senior High School, the University of Montana and then the University of Montana School of Law.

He enjoys skiing, riding his motorcycle, and tennis. He has traveled internationally to many countries including Russia, Sweden, Germany, France, Holland, the Czech Republic, and the Ukraine.