

## **EARLY REPRESENTATION**

### **EARLY LEGAL REPRESENTATION IS VITAL IN PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS**

There are many reasons why a personal injury claimant is likely to get a better net settlement when they have the benefit of an attorney handling their claim. We cannot do them all justice here, but will mention the following few: (a) Even though you are clearly not at fault in an accident, an insurance company can aggressively challenge what “reasonable and necessary” medical bills will be paid; (b) Insurance adjusters are trained to defend claims at your expense, and it makes it harder to later handle the claim, if an adjuster has had six months to work up the defense to an unrepresented patient; (c) Early investigation of witnesses, property damage, etc., often makes the difference in proving a claim; (d) Insurance companies like to quickly take “recorded statements under penalty of perjury” from the claimant. These can pose special problems; (e) An attorney will be much better able to place a real value on your claim; (f) A person may not be aware of certain aspects to his/her personal injury claim that could greatly affect the value; (g) Advice from friends or family who had a claim and “know all about it” can end up hurting your particular claim. No two personal injury claims are identical; (h) Insurance companies must set aside money (“reserves”) to deal with claims made – they routinely set more aside to deal with claimants represented by an attorney than those in which the claimant is unrepresented (insurance company manuals support this!).

Much more could be stated on this subject than we have room for here. If you have a particular situation of injuries arising from an accident, please contact Neal H. Sobol, Esq. at 818-547-6650, for a free consultation to discuss your individual needs.



