

# 5 Reasons Why You Need to Hire a Personal Injury Attorney When You are Involved in an Accident



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As the victim in an accident, you might already be dealing with life-changing scenarios. One moment things are moving along as planned and the next, you are facing lengthy recovery, physical therapy, missed time from work, and a future that might be changed forever. Sadly, you had no control over any of these new developments. Accident victims are usually guilty only of being at the proverbial wrong place at the wrong time and suddenly, nothing is ever the same.

The fact is moving forward with your life after an accident is a tough challenge, but one you must now face. Doing it alone can make the challenge even tougher. Even with friends and family by your side during your recovery, the experience can be difficult. Many people injured in accidents feel victimized all over again by the court system, insurance companies, and defense attorneys.

Leaving yourself unprotected after an accident is one of the worst mistakes you can make. The support of a personal injury attorney in the days, weeks, and months following an accident can turn a negative experience into something that is acceptable. Your life might not ever be the same, but with the assistance of an experienced attorney, you can make the best of your situation and ensure your rights are protected.

Why should accident victims work with a personal injury attorney?

## Time to Focus on Healing Your Body and Rebuilding Your Life

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The days and weeks following your accident are not only crucial for protecting your legal interests, they are also important for healing your body. Unfortunately, if you spend all of your time focused on phone calls and accident reports, you will not have an opportunity to care for your health. Your number one goal should be to restore your body to its pre-accident condition or as close to it as you will ever get again. By delegating the tasks of dealing with the court system, insurance companies, and police to your personal injury attorney, you are making time for your health.



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## Advice about Settling Outside of Court

**2** In nearly every case, accident victims are offered an opportunity to settle their case outside of court. Often this is the best option, but it can be difficult to tell when a settlement offer is fair and when it is not. Insurance companies and their attorney frequently offer low-ball accident settlements in an attempt to get the case settled as quickly as possible. They will also paint a picture that makes victims believe they have no chance of winning their case in court.

A personal injury attorney will assess your case and determine the best option for you. Sometimes going to court is the right thing to do, while other times you can get a better deal by settling outside of court.

## Assistance Negotiating that Settlement

**3** Should you choose to accept a settlement, you need a trained professional helping you with the negotiations. What might seem like a sizeable settlement offer to you might actually be quite unfair. Your attorney will analyze your settlement offers and compare them to cases like yours to ensure you are getting the appropriate compensation.



Settlements often take awhile to negotiate and insurance companies and their attorneys are willing to negotiate aggressively. If necessary, your attorney will negotiate just as aggressively, to ensure the terms of your settlement are fair and just compensation for you.

## Assistance with Preparation and Representation in the Courtroom

**4** Some cases must be settled in a courtroom. Either the insurance company believes it has a strong case against you or they are unwilling to pay the settlement amount you and your attorney believe you deserve. As the victim in a personal injury case, you will need to appear in court and possibly give a statement to the judge or jury. This can be an intimidating experience, even if you are completely innocent. Your attorney will help you prepare for the experience and will be at your side during the trial.



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### Access to a Network of Resources

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An important part of negotiating a fair settlement or building a strong case for court is calling on experts that have knowledge about cases like yours. An experienced personal injury attorney has access to a network of resources that can speak on your behalf, offer advice, or prepare reports that can help you advance your case. It would be possible for you to track down experts and ask for statements and testimony, but it is much easier to have someone in your corner that already has relationships with people whose knowledge is helpful in personal injury cases.

*Have you been injured in an accident? Are you overwhelmed by the idea of defending your rights and receiving the compensation you deserve? **Stone & Capobianco** is a personal injury law firm that has handled many personal injury cases and knows what to expect based on the details of cases similar to yours. They can take that burden off your shoulders so you can focus on restoring your life.*

*Stone & Capobianco understands justice means more than just getting money to cover your medical bills and living expenses while you recover. It also means compensation for long-term physical and emotional effects such as stress, pain, anguish and depression.*

*To learn more or to schedule a free personal injury consultation, contact them at **772.781.4357** or by email at [jas@stonelawfl.com](mailto:jas@stonelawfl.com).*

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