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# TIPS

## When Hiring a Catastrophic Injury Lawyer



Catastrophic injuries resulting from accidents are the worst kind. They inflict high amounts of both physical and emotional pain, along with severe financial damage. Financial losses stemming from auto and other bad accidents can comprise immediate and future medical bills, lost wages, vehicle repairs and other unfair circumstances. The effects can follow a family for years or a lifetime, often leading to bankruptcy.

Beyond the obvious financial losses, catastrophic injuries from accidents can detract significantly from your quality of life. After an injury occurs, your first priority, of course, is to take care of yourself and your family. It's time to heal but it's also time to secure what's rightfully yours to ensure the accident doesn't take away your future as well as your present.

Obtaining financial security is difficult to do on your own, especially when you rely solely on the insurance company's meager payout. It's time consuming, overwhelming and frustrating to get the responsible parties to pay what they owe. This is where the services of catastrophic injury attorneys are extremely helpful.

But how do you know you're hiring the right catastrophic Injury lawyer in Los Angeles to handle your case? Here are some tips to help you decide.

## Ask Relevant Questions

Just as you would vet a new doctor by meeting with him or her and asking questions, the same is true before hiring catastrophic injury attorneys. From rates to experience, look for thorough, professional answers that make you feel comfortable and at ease. Also, take note how your initial phone call was handled. Did you speak to a lawyer right away? Did it take a long time for them to get back to you? Ask questions such as:

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- ✓ How long have you been handling cases like mine?
- ✓ Do you handle cases similar to mine on a daily basis? What have the outcomes been in general?
- ✓ How do you feel about the strength of my case?
- ✓ Do you have experience with the type of injury my loved one has suffered, such as TBI, spinal injury or permanent disfigurement?
- ✓ Do you have the financial and staffing resources to take on my case?

This last one is important, as lawsuits involving catastrophic personal injuries can get very expensive, especially if they end up in court. For example, a medical malpractice case may involve several medical specialties, each one of which needs an expert witness. As another example, a truck accident case will involve accident reconstruction experts and trucking safety experts as well as treating physicians, life care planners, vocational experts and economists. If a particular lawyer lacks the resources to manage and fund your case properly, you could very well lose the case or get handed an inadequate settlement.

## Check on Rates

Rates vary largely between attorneys. This is just something you'll have to call around and gather before making a decision. However, most attorneys will offer free consultations and won't require you to pay them any fees unless your case is won or settled. However, that doesn't mean you won't have to pay for case expenses. As noted above, lawsuits such as this get very costly and money needs to be spent in order to build a proper defense.

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## Visit the Office

Yes, you could engage in a phone consultation with a catastrophic injury attorney in Los Angeles but it's always best to sit down with them in person. This will give you a better idea of the personality match and whether you feel comfortable with them or not. Experience and skill is very important, of course, but sometimes you get a gut feeling about a lawyer when you speak to them face to face. Make it a point to interact with other members of the staff as well. Is the receptionist engaging and friendly? Are the paralegals eager to help? Is the lawyer compassionate yet aggressive? Go to the meeting armed with questions and take notes. But also, take mental notes of the office and how you feel when you are there.

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Don't rely on auto insurance companies to pay you what you truly deserve. Their business model doesn't allow for that; in fact, it dictates that they give you the lowest amount possible to save the company money. It's a business, after all. For a free, initial consultation, contact Kuzyk Law today if you have suffered catastrophic injuries and feel you are being treated unfairly. We have helped thousands of accident victims recover more than \$900 million in damages.