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What A Personal Injury Lawyer Can Do For
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I can't speak for every personal injury attorney, but I can tell you what I do for my own clients in any given case:

- Educate and teach clients about personal injury claims
- Educate and teach clients about the litigation process _ Gather written records and documents to support the claim, including medical records, police report, and employment records
- Perform investigation of the client's claim, including gathering witness statements, photographs, diagrams, and physical evidence
- Read and analyze the client's own automobile insurance policy to see what coverage is available to pay for the client's damages, like medical, hospital and wage loss benefits
- Meet and confer with the client's own medical doctors and other healthcare providers to fully understand client's condition
- Obtain specific reports from experts to support the client's claim
- Analyze any pertinent legal issues that may affect client's case, like contributory negligence, assumption of risk, comparative fault, etc.
- File necessary claim forms with the at-fault governmental agency
- Analyze client's own health insurance or governmental benefit plan to ascertain whether any money they spent must be repaid
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- Contact the insurance company about the claim and conduct periodic discussions with the carrier about your case so that appropriate reserves are set aside to settle the case
- Conduct negotiations with the insurance adjustor in an effort to settle the claim, either short of

- litigation or short of trial
- If a lawsuit will be filed, then prepare and draft the summons and complaint to file in court
- Perform investigation to locate the defendant so that personal service of the summons and complaint can be achieved
- Arrange for personal service of the summons and complaint on the defendant as required by law
- Prepare and draft written questions for information from the other side (called interrogatories and requests for production)
- Prepare the client for his or her deposition
- Prepare for and conduct the deposition of the defendant and other lay witnesses
- Meet with client's physicians to prepare for their own deposition requested by the defense attorney
- Prepare to take the deposition of the defendant's experts, including medical experts
- Prepare the client for his or her medical examination by the defendant's medical experts
- Answer questions and produce information and records requested by the other side
- Review and analyze the client's medical records and billings
- Hire other necessary experts to support or prove the client's claim, including other physicians, economists, engineers, vocational experts, etc.
- Review and analyze expert reports about the client's case
- File the necessary documents in court as required by the judge, including witness lists, trial readiness, settlement conferences, etc.
- Prepare the client and other witnesses for trial
- Create and prepare exhibits for trial
- Organize records and other documentary evidence intended to be introduced at trial
- Prepare for mediation and/or arbitration by organizing records and other documents for submission to the mediator or arbitrator
- Research and write briefs and file motions to keep out or let in cer-

tain evidence at trial

- Perform or participate in mock trials or focus groups to prepare for trial
- Try the case over the course of several days before a judge or jury
- Analyze verdict and research any issues that occurred at trial
- Write briefs or motions following verdict to obtain post-trial relief, including motions for attorney fees, or to overturn the verdict
- Analyze trial record to determine if appeal is warranted
- Research and write briefs and motions if appeal is filed
- Negotiate subrogation claims asserted by client's insurance company or governmental agency that provided benefits to client

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Washington attorney Christopher Michael Davis has been representing individuals in accident cases and against insurance companies since 1994.

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The personal injury attorneys and trial lawyers at the **Davis Law Group, P.S.** are dedicated to protecting your interests and handling your case with personal attention, aggressive advocacy, professionalism, and compassion.

We have been successfully representing injured people, car accident victims, and wrongful death cases in Washington State for almost 15 years. We understand that sustaining traumatic and life changing injuries is emotionally devastating. We strive to balance this concern with the unique and rigorous demands of the legal system. We understand that the selection of your personal injury attorney is an important decision, and which may have far reaching consequences.

In 2006, he was named a Rising Star Attorney by Washington Law & Politics magazine (this recognition is given only to the top 2.5% of lawyers age 40 and under in Washington State). In 2007, Washington Law & Politics named Mr. Davis a Super Lawyer (the top 5% of lawyers in Washington). Mr. Davis speaks at Continuing Legal Education seminars on topics related to personal injury. He teaches and instructs other lawyers in Washington State on topics such as jury selection, proving damages and developing winning trial techniques.

Mr. Davis has been licensed to practice law in Washington State since 1993. He has obtained millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for his clients. Mr. Davis is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, American Association for Justice, and the North American Brain Injury Society.

If you believe you or a loved one has been wronged, contact Mr. Davis today for a FREE, no obligation consultation at 206-727-4000.

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