



Client Advisory

Important News & Information For Current Davis Law Group Clients

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The *Client Advisory* is designed to offer clients **important information and reminders** that are relevant to the management of their case. We want to help you understand the legal process and work together to maximize the value of your claim. Every case is different. Contact our office if you have specific questions about your case. The *Client Advisory* is sent to only those **Davis Law Group** clients that have a current, active personal injury or wrongful death claim. Once your case is completely closed you will no longer receive the *Client Advisory*. If you have any questions about or suggestions for this publication, please contact Mischelle Weedman-Davis, Director of Client Relations and Operations.

Is Justice Really Blind?

The Importance of Photographic & Video Evidence

Photos are vivid evidence of what you experienced. Although Lady Justice is frequently pictured as blindfolded, photographic and video evidence is extremely valuable in preparing a personal injury case for settlement or trial. As the saying goes, “a picture is worth a thousand words.” The right kinds of photographs could mean thousands of dollars in increased value to your case. Visual material can be superior to the spoken word for communicating ideas, information, or descriptions.



In order to help Davis Law Group prepare and maximize the value of your case please send us the following kinds of photographs, if you have them.

- Personal Photos - Personal photos of the accident victim(s) prior to the accident can be helpful. Pictures with family members, celebrations, participating in activities, hobbies, etc.
- Accident Photos - Photos of the accident scene, property (vehicle) damage, etc.
- Injury Photos – Any pictures of injuries, hospital bed photos, etc. If there is a cast, brace or other medical device(s) please include it in some of the photographs. Always take one view of the injured person’s whole body (clothed) in order to identify the injured person. Then zoom in for close-up shots of all bruises, broken limbs, casts, stitches, surgical sites, scars, etc. Shots should be taken from more than one angle, right and left, since some scars wash out at a direct angle.

When taking photos in the future please remember: no smiling (this is legal photography not a portrait), no jewelry and/or makeup please. ■

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL CURRENT CLIENTS:**Communication With Your Legal Team**

The following are a just few IMPORTANT things that we need you to do in order to make sure that we have all the information necessary to begin working on your case and to ensure that we are able to quickly and easily communicate with you.

- **Email Communication.** Prevent messages from Davis Law Group from accidentally ending up in your email's junk mail folder. Please add the name, office phone number, and office email address of your Davis Law Group legal team to your email address book.
- **Telephone Communication.** Please add our office phone number to your cell phone's contacts list so you can easily tell when we are trying to call you and/or so you can quickly return calls when necessary. Our office number is 206-727-4000.
- **Social Media.** Stay up-to-date on injury law news that could impact your case. And help us easily advise you about social media/privacy concerns and how they may impact your claim. If you use Facebook, please visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/seattlepersonalinjurylawyer> and "Like" our page. ■

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL CLIENTS:**Do not speak with insurance adjustors about your injuries or medical treatment.**

The insurance company is prohibited from contacting you about the circumstances of the accident, your injuries, or medical treatment when you are represented by an attorney. On the day that you became a client, we sent a letter and a fax to all insurance companies involved to inform them that we are representing you in your injury claim and that any and all communication with you regarding this matter should be directed to our office. If you must speak to the insurance company about your property damage claim (repairing or replacing your vehicle), remember that you should not discuss your injury claim with them. Please contact our office immediately if you are contacted by an insurance company representative who wants details about your injury claim. ■

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL CLIENTS:**We Need To Know About Post-Accident Injuries**

You must notify us immediately if you sustain another injury or serious exacerbation of your current injury. For example, if you are injured in a car accident and then are re-injured in another car accident several months later, this will affect your first accident claim. Obviously, the insurance adjustor and defense attorney will be looking for any subsequent injury or exacerbation to blame your current condition on. If you sustain another injury so that it may be difficult to know which injury or accident is responsible for your current symptoms, we must know of this fact immediately. ■

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL CURRENT CLIENTS:

Personal Injury Cases In The News

Some of the cases we handle at **Davis Law Group** receive media attention. If you are a client whose story is considered ‘newsworthy’ by the media, you may be asked by members of the press to give an interview.

Your statements to the media may have an impact on your legal case and/or shape the public’s perception of the case (which may be important in there is a trial). Sometimes a client’s statements can be taken out of context and possibly damage the case. Furthermore, choosing the right time to talk to the press may also play a key role in your attorney’s case strategy. This is why it is extremely important that you first consult with Mr. Davis and/or his staff about potential media coverage.

Davis Law Group will evaluate any and all media opportunities to determine if it is the right time to talk to the press; if a particular media opportunity or outlet is right for your story; and help coach you on what to say and not to say to the media. **Whenever possible Mr. Davis or a representative from our office should be with you during a media interview to make sure nothing is said that may negatively impact the case.**

SPECIAL NOTE: It is okay if you do not want to be interviewed by the media—it is entirely up to you. You do not have to talk to the media if you do not wish to do so.

If You Are Contacted by the Media

If you are contacted by a member of the media (radio, tv, newspaper, blogs, etc.) and asked to comment on your case and/or the circumstances of the accident please do not answer any questions. Get the name(s) of the person, the station or publication, and the contact information of the reporter or producer. Let the person know that “this is not a good time” and that you will contact them very shortly.

Then **immediately** contact Mischelle Weedman-Davis at our office. You may call at any time night or day. Office: 206-727-4000

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January Calendar

National Train Your Dog Month

Train Your Dog Month promotes training the family dog with everyday manners – the behaviors found in **The Association of Professional Dog Trainers'** Canine Life and Social Skills program. To learn more visit trainyourdogmonth.com.

National Birth Defects Prevention Month

The **National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN)** education and outreach committee has developed materials and resources to assist those interested in promoting birth defects prevention during '**January is Birth Defects Prevention Month**'. To learn more visit nbdpn.org.

New Year's Day—A Dangerous US Holiday

Nearly half of all traffic fatalities on **New Year's Day** involve alcohol, the most of any U.S. holiday, according to the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)**, a division of the **U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)**. **ALERT:** This is a great time to make a donation to support **Mothers Against Drunk Driving's (MADD) Campaign To Eliminate Drunk Driving**. Visit maddwashington.com.



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