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PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

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The **Client Advisory** is designed to offer **important information and reminders** that are relevant to the management of your case. We want to help you understand the legal process and work together to maximize the value of your claim. 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.



## IMPORTANT REMINDER Clients with cases in subrogation.

### What is Subrogation?

When you file a claim with your insurer, the company can try to recover its costs from the person responsible for your injury or property damage. This is called subrogation. For example: Your medical insurance company pays your doctor's bills following an auto accident that someone else caused.

Once your case is settled, **Davis Law Group** handles two important tasks before giving you your final settlement check. 1-) We negotiate with your medical providers in an effort to reduce the amount of your outstanding medical bills or liens—so you don't have to pay the full amount. 2-) We handle the subrogation process for you.

Negotiating down your bills/liens and managing the subrogation process can take weeks or months. So as in all other parts of the personal injury claim process, please try to be patient. The result can be more money for you. ■

## IMPORTANT REMINDER All Clients.

### News Coverage Of Your Case

Your statements to the news media may have an impact on your legal case and/or shape the public's perception of the case. Saying the wrong things to media can damage the case.

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. If you are contacted by the media, 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 our office**.

Mr. Davis will determine if it is the right time to talk to the press, if this media opportunity or outlet is right for your story, and help coach you on what to say and not to say. 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. ■

## OUR OFFICE HAS MOVED

In October our office moved. We are in the same building at 2101 Fourth Avenue in Downtown Seattle. But we have moved from suite 630 on the 6th floor to suite 1030 on the 10th floor. ■

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### Clients with cases in negotiation.

# Frustrated With The Negotiation Phase? Remember That Patience Pays Off

You must resist the temptation to rush the negotiation process.

Quick settlements for a personal injury case are not usually in the client's best interest. Tough economic times cause many clients to want to settle (give up) too early for an amount that isn't fair compensation for their injuries. Insurance companies know that injury victims that are in a rush may settle for pennies on the dollar. **Try to be patient and keep a good attitude during the negotiation phase of your case. Be willing to wait in order to obtain the full amount your injury claim is worth.** Doing so may help when it comes to paying off your accident-related medical bills and other debts. ■

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### Clients with cases in demand phase.

# It Can Take A Long Time To Get Copies of Your Medical Records and Bills

Now that you are finished with your medical treatment we can begin working on your settlement demand. In most cases **Davis Law Group** needs *complete* copies of all medical records and bills in order to properly prepare your settlement demand.

Depending on the number of treatment providers you have seen during your medical treatment, it can take weeks or months to obtain copies of all of your medical records and bills. Medical offices and hospitals' records departments receive hundreds of request for records each day. If the provider does not store the records on site, then we may have to wait even longer to receive records. And on or near national holidays there are additional delays. Medical records offices are chronically understaffed and disorganized.

Please be patient and understanding while we try to gather your medical records and bills. ■

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### Clients receiving medical treatment.

# The Importance of Medical Evidence in Personal Injury Claims

When a person makes a personal injury claim, their medical treatment is an important foundation to support the strength of the case. The medical treatment records help the attorney prove how serious, severe and/or debilitating the injuries have been for that person. Conversely, the medical records can also help the insurance company or defense attorney minimize your injuries and show how the patient failed to follow the doctor's treatment recommendations.

We would like to remind you to attend all of your medical appointments; follow your doctor's instructions; and keep our office informed of changes in your care. For more information on the importance of medical evidence in your personal injury claim click the following link and read a full report on the subject.

[http://www.injurytriallawyer.com/library/The\\_Importance\\_of\\_Medical\\_Evidence\\_In\\_Personal\\_Injury\\_Cases.pdf](http://www.injurytriallawyer.com/library/The_Importance_of_Medical_Evidence_In_Personal_Injury_Cases.pdf)

## Treatment Status Update

Every 4 to 6 weeks you will receive an email message from your paralegal requesting that you fill out a quick online questionnaire to help us stay up-to-date on the progress of your medial treatment. ■

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

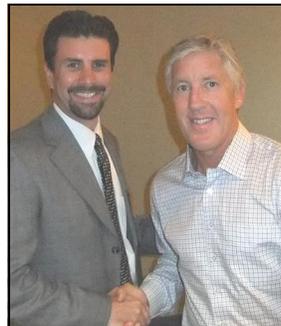
### All Davis Law Group clients.

- **Medical Treatment**—We would like to remind all clients that are still receiving medical treatment to attend all of your medical appointments; follow your doctor's instructions; and keep our office informed of changes in your care.
- **Photographs**—If you have not already done so please remember to send relevant photographs related to your accident, injuries, etc. to the paralegal that is currently handling administrative details in your case.
- **Social Media**—Do **not** post information (status updates, pictures, videos, etc.) about your accident, injuries, medical treatment or physical activities on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc., for the duration of your legal claim. Insurance company investigators often conduct online surveillance of an accident victim using these social media websites.
- **Medical Bills**—If you find it difficult to pay your injury-related medical bills, let us know immediately. We can inquire with your medical provider about the possibility of placing a lien on your account. Some, but not all, medical providers will agree to a lien. Under this type of agreement your medical provider will NOT send your bills to a collection agency, if you agree to pay your medical bills as soon as your injury claim is settled. ■

## Building A Championship Paralegal Team

Attorney Chris Davis looks at his paralegal legal team similar to the way Coach Pete Carroll of the Seattle Seahawks looks at his team. Like Carroll, Davis wants to find top performers who are results-oriented team players. Staff changes at **Davis Law Group** are just like cutting, trading or acquiring players for a professional sports club—it's all about creating a great team. From time-to-time we have had to replace paralegals who cannot meet your high standards and/or paralegals that realize that they are not cut out for the team quickly leave on their own.

Over the course of the last year there may have been a number of changes to our paralegal team. We know that finding out that the paralegal assigned to your case has changed may initially cause you a little bit of stress. But you need to know that these kinds of staffing changes are designed to improve the quality of the legal services that we provide our clients and therefore should be a positive experience. ■



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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### Personal Injury Questionnaire

If you have not already done so, please completely fill out and return the **Personal Injury Questionnaire** that you received during your initial consultation and/or client sign-up meeting. This information is very important to your case. When you have completed the questionnaire you may either: mail it to our office at 2101 Fourth Avenue, Suite 1030, Seattle, WA 98121; fax it to 206-727-4001; or you may scan it and email it directly to your paralegal. ■