



# Client Advisory

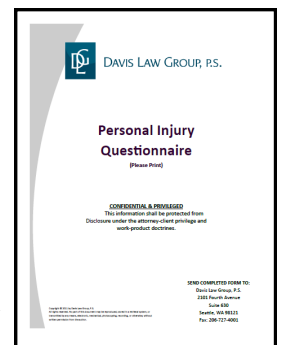
Davis Law Group, P.S.

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 FOR ALL NEW CLIENTS:**

### **Please fill out and return your 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 630, Seattle, WA 98121; fax it to 206-727-4001; or you may scan it and email it directly to your paralegal.



## **IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL CLIENTS IN THE PRELITIGATION/INVESTIGATION STAGE:**

### **We need to get to know you.**

**The Prelitigation/Investigation** stage is the point in the lifecycle of the case where we are gathering evidence of your claim(s). During this phase of your case, we get to know you and the facts of your accident, injuries, and treatment for those injuries. We begin the process of gathering the evidence needed to convince the insurance claims adjuster or a jury to put a fair value on your case. We need information about you and your family, relationships, hobbies/interests, career, injuries, etc. All of this information helps us paint a picture of you and how your injuries have changed your life.

**This process can take anywhere from a few months to several years, depending on the nature and extent of your damages, whether your injuries have become permanent and fixed, and the theory of liability we are asserting against the party responsible for your injuries and/or damages.** Please be patient. Also, please stay in regular contact with our office and the paralegal assigned to your case.

## **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.

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER For clients with cases that are currently 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 For clients with settled cases awaiting subrogation:**

## Post-Settlement Process

When the defendant's insurance company has agreed to pay fair value to settle your claims and you agree, we begin:

- By reviewing the proposed settlement documents, including the release and hold harmless agreements, and then provide these to you for your signature.
- The process of collecting the money and depositing the funds into the Davis Law Group trust account (with a bank insured by the FDIC).
- Paying the various case costs, liens, and claims for repayment or reimbursement by your health insurance company or a government assistance program.
- Going over your final accounting statement, so you know exactly where your settlement proceeds are being applied.
- Delivering the net settlement funds to you.

This post-resolution process can take from 90 to 120 days to complete (occasionally longer), and after all lien holders and creditors accept payment so your legal obligations are satisfied. In some cases, it may last longer depending on the type of lien, and whether I believe the lien can be successfully reduced or even eliminated based on certain equitable defenses available under the law.

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL CURRENT CLIENTS:**

## Full Disclosure

It doesn't matter how strong your case is, if you lie or omit information about past injuries, accidents, treatment, arrests or convictions, drug use (legal or illegal), etc. the truth will eventually come out. Remember, the insurance companies have access to vast databases about your private life, including past accidents, legal claims and injuries. The worst thing that can happen is for your lawyer to be the last one to know. **Honesty is always the best policy.** Inform our office about all past injuries, incidents, claims, treatment, etc.

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL CURRENT CLIENTS:**

## Summer Vacation?

Please send an email to our office and/or to your paralegal letting us know if you have plans to be out of town for vacation—so we aren't bothering you with calls and emails while you are on holiday.



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## **SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL CLIENTS / VICTIMS OF DRUNK DRIVING:**

### ***‘Walk Like MADD’ With Davis Law Group***

For the 3rd straight year **Davis Law Group** is proud to be a sponsor of **Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Walk Like MADD / MADD Dash** fundraising event in Seattle. Chris Davis has been a long-time supporter of MADD. His wife, Mischelle, is the MADD volunteer that helped establish **Walk Like MADD** in Washington State by acting as the chairperson for Seattle's first **Walk Like MADD** event in 2011. Mischelle is on the planning committee for this year's walk. This year's event will include a 5K run.

**Davis Law Group** invites employees, clients, former clients, friends and other members of the community to join our walk team. Register at: [http://support.madd.org/site/TR/WalkLikeMADD/WalkLikeMADDwlm\\_?](http://support.madd.org/site/TR/WalkLikeMADD/WalkLikeMADDwlm_?)