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How Your Police Report Can Help Your Lawyer

If you’ve suffered injury as a result of your accident or feel you want to explore any right you may have to a compensatory settlement and are having a tough time dealing with the insurance company on your own, you may want to contact a lawyer.

If you decide to retain an attorney to help you pursue justice, your police report is vital to your case. The report will help a lawyer understand the cause of your accident as determined by law enforcement officials, detail evidence gathered at the scene of the accident, and prove whether or not you suffered any initial injuries or property damage. As your lawyer strengthens your case, they will begin gathering evidence based on the police report.



What Does a Personal Injury Lawyer Do?

Researching personal injury lawyers may be far down your list after you’ve been in an accident — and that’s fine. You should of course focus on your health and recovery first. Whether that means undergoing surgery and months of physical therapy or starting to see a psychiatrist, you want to get yourself back to how you were before the accident as much as possible.

Recuperating after an accident isn’t just physical, mental, or emotional, though. There are other ways to recoup what you’ve lost. That’s exactly what personal injury lawyers help you with.

What personal injury lawyers do

Personal injury lawyers help people become “whole” again after they’ve been in an accident where some individual, company, or other party was negligent. When you get hurt in an auto collision, slip and fall incident, or from a defective product, a personal injury lawyer can help get you compensation for any damages you’ve suffered as a result of your accident.

Here are all the ways a personal injury attorney can help you.

Help you recover compensation after an accident

When you get hurt in an accident, your mind is most likely on your physical and mental recovery. You’re not thinking about the medical bills stacking up, or the lost benefits from all the sick days you have to take off from work. As you’re taking care of yourself medically, your personal injury attorney is looking after your legal rights and financial security.

Case investigation and discovery

One of the biggest aspects of any personal injury case is investigating the facts and performing discovery. Discovery is the process of gathering evidence from all parties and relevant witnesses. Your personal injury attorney may work with a specialized investigator who will:

- Get in contact with witnesses for interviews
- Take photos and videos from the scene or create diagrams
- Obtain police reports or employer reports

Your attorney will also send lists of questions known as “interrogatories” to the other party’s legal team, as well as request depositions so they can ask the other party questions under oath.

Case investigation and discovery

Personal injury attorneys spend a great deal of time making sure you fully understand your situation. They listen to your full account of the accident and pull out facts or pieces of information that may require verification or follow-up. Their job is to cover all the details of the accident so that they—and you—have all the necessary information to make the best decision.

Negotiate a settlement on your behalf

Most personal injury cases end with a settlement, or agreement between the parties involved. With a settlement, there’s no need to go to court and the parties agree to the conditions negotiated by the legal teams. Settlements are legally binding, so if you agree to one, you must comply with it.

Trying to come up with settlement terms on your own is not a good idea if you aren’t familiar with personal injury laws in your state. Having an attorney negotiate on your behalf ensures that you get the best deal possible in your situation, and that you don’t agree to something that doesn’t benefit you.

Discuss your claim with insurance companies

As you’re convalescing after your accident, you may not have the time or the energy to deal with your insurance company. Most insurance carriers want claims to be dealt with as quickly as possible, but that’s not always in your best interest. A personal injury lawyer can request copies of your various insurance policies and review them to look for the coverage and benefits you’re entitled to.

Defend your case at trial

Although most personal injury lawsuits are settled, they can sometimes go to trial. This happens when the parties can’t come to an agreement without the help of a judge or jury. All personal injury attorneys must be ready to take their cases to trial if it comes to that, so they often start preparing for it as soon as you bring them your case. Trials can take several days.

As you can see, personal injury lawyers do a lot for their clients. No case is the same and there’s hardly ever a clear-cut solution, but a personal injury attorney’s job is to find and fight for the best resolution possible for your situation.

What kind of cases do personal injuries lawyers handle?

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How to Get a Police Report After an Accident in Indiana



After you’ve been in a car accident in Indiana, the trauma from your experience may leave you reeling. In the aftermath of the accident, you may feel foggy about the events that led to your collision. A police report can give you documented details about your accident.

A copy of your police report is vital to dispute any variations of the accident

suggested by an insurance company or the driver of another vehicle involved in your collision. You can use the police report to gather evidence, provide documented facts, and find any eyewitnesses to the accident.

What happens if you lose your copy of the police report? Will you have to pay an exorbitant amount of money or bushwhack your way through a ton of red tape to receive another copy? Do you need your police report to file a legal compensatory claim?

We’ll cover all you need to know about how to obtain a police report in Indiana.

When Police Reports are Required

In 2020, there were 175,816 reported accidents in Indiana. Of these, 896 resulted in fatalities. There were 38,913 accidents that caused injury.

Indiana state code requires that a police officer who attends the scene of an accident must fill out a written report and conduct an investigation of the collision if the accident:

- involved more than one vehicle
- resulted in injury or death
- incurred at least \$1,000 in property damage

These reports not only prove vital to accident victims and law enforcement, they also help the Indiana government compile their yearly Crash Fact statistic reports.

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Slip and Fall case against National Car Rental company. Verdict Amount \$7.5 Million Dollars, includes \$2.5 Million in loss of services for the plaintiff’s spouse. Plaintiff required a total hip replacement.

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\$20,325,000 verdict against a Fortune 500 energy company following a near-fatal electric shock injury that occurred at the company’s power plant in Petersburg, Indiana

\$3 Million Verdict

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