



PERSONAL INJURY RIVER GUIDE:

BEFORE A LAWSUIT IS FILED.



SECTION ONE: INFORMATION YOU NEED FOR YOUR ATTORNEY

- ▶ Know your date of injury
- ▶ Collect as many photos as you can
- ▶ Crash Exchange Info/Incident Report
- ▶ Insurance information (for car accident, both drivers)
- ▶ Health insurance information



SECTION TWO: SIGN UP WITH AN ATTORNEY

- ▶ Speak with attorney
- ▶ Provide details about the incident and your injuries in questionnaire
- ▶ Ask attorney any questions you have about the process
- ▶ Sign agreement for services
- ▶ Sign medical release



SECTION THREE: INVESTIGATION AND TREATMENT

- #### INVESTIGATION
- ▶ Attorney requests investigative documents from police or other authorities
 - ▶ Attorney notifies all insurance carriers of representation
 - ▶ Attorney interviews witnesses
 - ▶ Attorney requests initial medical records and bills

TREATMENT

- ▶ You provide an accurate information to all your doctors regarding your injuries
- ▶ You follow all your doctor's advice and keep all scheduled appointments
- ▶ You update your attorney on your medical treatment

For more information about what you should be doing during your recovery, please see our packing list



SECTION FOUR: YOU HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM TREATMENT, NOW WHAT?

- ▶ Notify your attorney
- ▶ You will provide attorney with updated information about all medical providers you have seen
- ▶ Attorney will request all final bills and records (it could take awhile to retrieve, depending on the providers themselves)
- ▶ Attorney will determine any outstanding medical balances



SECTION FIVE: DEMAND

- ▶ A demand is simply a packet of information sent to the insurance company detailing your legal claim and medical treatment and the impact has had on your life
- ▶ Prepared by the attorney and sent after all treatment is completed after receipt of all necessary documents including medical records, bills and wage loss information
- ▶ Once sent out, we wait for the insurance company to respond
- ▶ Timeframe of this process is dependent on various factors



SECTION SIX: NEGOTIATION

- ▶ If a monetary offer is made by the insurance company, attorney will advise and discuss value expectations with you
- ▶ Attorney continues negotiation with your permission
- ▶ If an acceptable settlement is reached, see the settlement section
- ▶ If no settlement is reached, please refer to our Litigation River Guide



SECTION SEVEN: SETTLEMENT

- ▶ You will sign a release of liability that has been approved by your attorney
- ▶ You will review and sign a settlement statement from your attorney that outlines the attorneys fees, costs and payments
- ▶ Once the check is received by your attorney, they schedule a time for you to pick up your check.