



Summary Overview

When we first meet...

- Meet us at our Bridgeport office for an initial one-on-one consultation with an experienced attorney, which will take approximately one hour.
- Or, we'll meet with you at an alternate location if you are physically unable to travel to our office.
- Our initial consultation is free of charge, and you are under no obligation to retain us.
- If you retain us as your legal counsel, you'll need to sign paperwork to enable us to act on your behalf.
- We will treat all your information as strictly confidential.

While we are preparing...

- We will be gathering information for two parts of your case:
 1. Proving fault or responsibility against the person/entity that is believed to have caused the problem.
 2. Proving what happened to you both physically and emotionally as a result of someone else's carelessness.
- It is important that you inform us of new developments in your medical care, such as doctor appointments and medical procedures, and inform us of any changes in your contact information so we can reach you easily for any questions.
- If your case is filed in court, we will begin the "discovery phase", where both sides gather information from each other.

You may have to:

 1. Answer "interrogatories", which are legal questions to be reviewed with your attorney.
 2. Provide sworn testimony in a deposition.
 3. Attend a pretrial to discuss your case.

If your case goes to trial...

- You will receive several months' notice prior to your potential trial date.
- You must plan to be available for the entire trial, which can take days or sometimes weeks.
- We will bring in witnesses on your behalf, including family members, friends, medical providers, the defendant and, of course, you.

Once your case is resolved...

- After a settlement is reached, you will be required to sign a Release of All Claims, which means you can no longer pursue a claim against the defendant.
- After the documents are signed, the insurance company has 30 days to provide us the settlement check.
- Soon afterward you will receive your check and settlement statement explaining the details of disbursements paid in your case.
- Settlements for most personal injury cases are tax free.