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I can't speak for every personal injury attorney, but I can tell you what I do for my own clients in any given case:

- Educate and teach clients about personal injury claims
 - Educate and teach clients about the litigation process. Gather written records and documents to support the claim, including medical records, police report, and employment records
 - Perform investigation of the client's claim, including gathering witness statements, photographs, diagrams, and physical evidence
 - Read and analyze the client's own automobile insurance policy to see what coverage is available to pay for the client's damages, like medical, hospital and wage loss benefits
 - Meet and confer with the client's own medical doctors and other healthcare providers to fully understand client's condition
 - Obtain specific reports from experts to support the client's claim
 - Analyze any pertinent legal issues that may affect client's case, like contributory negligence, assumption of risk, comparative fault, etc.
 - File necessary claim forms with the at-fault governmental agency
 - Analyze client's own health insurance or governmental benefit plan to ascertain whether any money they spent must be repaid
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- Analyze and address any liens asserted against the client's settlement recovery (various healthcare providers, insurers, governmental agencies may file liens seeking to be repaid money for benefits already paid to or on behalf of the client)
 - Contact the insurance company about the claim and conduct periodic discussions with the carrier about your case so that appropriate reserves are set aside to settle the case
 - Conduct negotiations with the insurance adjustor in an effort to settle the claim, either short of litigation or short of trial
 - If a lawsuit will be filed, then prepare and draft the summons and complaint to file in court
 - Perform investigation to locate the defendant so that personal service of the summons and complaint can be achieved
 - Arrange for personal service of the summons and complaint on the defendant as required by law
 - Prepare and draft written questions for information from the other side (called interrogatories and requests for production)
 - Prepare the client for his or her deposition
 - Prepare for and conduct the deposition of the defendant and other lay witnesses
 - Meet with client's physicians to prepare for their own deposition requested by the defense attorney
 - Prepare to take the deposition of the defendant's experts, including medical experts
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- Prepare the client for his or her medical examination by the defendant's medical experts
 - Answer questions and produce information and records requested by the other side
 - Review and analyze the client's medical records and billings
 - Hire other necessary experts to support or prove the client's claim, including other physicians, economists, engineers, vocational experts, etc.
 - Review and analyze expert reports about the client's case
 - File the necessary documents in court as required by the judge, including witness lists, trial readiness, settlement conferences, etc.
 - Prepare the client and other witnesses for trial
 - Create and prepare exhibits for trial
 - Organize records and other documentary evidence intended to be introduced at trial
 - Prepare for mediation and/or arbitration by organizing records and other documents for submission to the mediator or arbitrator
 - Research and write briefs and file motions to keep out or let in certain evidence at trial
 - Perform or participate in mock trials or focus groups to prepare for trial
 - Try the case over the course of several days before a judge or jury
 - Analyze verdict and research any issues that occurred at trial
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- Write briefs or motions following verdict to obtain post-trial relief, including motions for attorney fees, or to overturn the verdict
 - Analyze trial record to determine if appeal is warranted
 - Research and write briefs and motions if appeal is filed
 - Negotiate subrogation claims asserted by client's insurance company or governmental agency that provided benefits to client
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ross Jurewitz is the principal attorney and manager of the San Diego litigation firm, the Jurewitz Law Group. Mr. Jurewitz's practice is dedicated solely to representing people injured in accidents.

Mr. Jurewitz was born in Pomona, California in 1974, and spent almost all of his early life living in the Los Angeles area in Claremont, California. He graduated from Claremont High School and moved to San Diego, California in 1993 to attend college at the University of California, San Diego. He received his B.A. degree in 1997 with a major in Political Science and a minor in Law and Society. Following college, Mr. Jurewitz attended the Washington College of Law at American University. Mr. Jurewitz is licensed to practice law before all courts in the State of California.

Mr. Jurewitz has been exclusively representing injured people for nearly 10 years. In 2002, he joined the prestigious San Diego personal injury law firm of Hoey and Morgan, representing injured people in litigation as trial counsel. In 2004, Mr. Jurewitz formed the partnership of Wick & Jurewitz where he blended the tools and resources of a large law firm with the

personal touch found in a small, personal law firm to provide injury accident clients with excellent service and results.

Continuing that same philosophy, Mr. Jurewitz formed the Jurewitz Law Group in 2007.

In his spare time, Mr. Jurewitz enjoys spending time with his wife, Lee, and their two dogs, Ace (an American Bulldog) and Blackjack (a German Shephard mix) in their coastal North San Diego County home. Mr. Jurewitz also enjoys playing golf, traveling, and spending the fall rooting for the University of Texas Longhorns football team.

