What Do I Do Now?

Answers to the Most Frequently Asked Questions About Your San Diego Auto Accident

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Here are the answers to a few questions that you may have right now:

1. **Do I need an attorney to represent me?**

   Not always. My view is that the more complex the injury is the more an attorney will be able to add value to your claim. If your injury is slight and resolves in a few weeks you need to settle your case yourself.

2. **Who should pay my medical bills now?**

   Submit your bills to your own health insurer. Then, call your car insurance company and ask if you have medical payments coverage. If you do, submit the bills to your car insurance company as well. The insurance company for the person who hit you will not generally advance these funds to you, preferring to string you out and settle everything at one time at the end. You don't want your medical bills going to collections!

3. **What about my car? Who should pay to get it fixed?**

   Often the defendant's insurance company will help you immediately with this. If they don't, contact your own car insurance company and get them to work on it. Yes, you'll pay a deductible, but your insurance company will help you recover that deductible from the person who was at fault.
4. **What else should I be doing at this time?**

- Follow your doctor's instructions and keep all medical appointments
- Take digital pictures of your car and your injuries.
- Obtain the police accident report.
- You may settle and release your property damage claim with the other person's car insurance company.
- Cooperate with the police and if subpoenaed, appear at any court hearing.

5. **I am hundreds of miles away from your office, will you still take my case?**

At one time the answer to this question would have been, "no." Today, though with modern technology being what it is, we represent accident victims all over California. If we accept your case, it doesn't matter where you are located.
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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.

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