

HOW TO CHOOSE A PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY?

Like other accidents, no one plans to be hurt on the job. It just happens.

The insurance companies have the resources to purchase medical opinions and literally stack the deck against an injured worker. They send nurses to talk to your doctors; hire other doctors to contradict your care plan; send investigators to catch you on video; and try their best to make you seem untruthful or at the very least attempt to minimize your work injury.

As you can see, the playing field does not appear to be leveled.

There are a few things to consider when hiring a workers' compensation lawyer.

Ideally, you should hire a lawyer who primarily handles workers' compensation law in your state.

It is like medicine in that you would not go to your dentist if you have a heart attack. While they are both "doctors", you may be better suited to go to a cardiologist than the dentist.

You should hire a firm with plenty of experience trying workers' compensation claims.

Workers' compensation claims law is very complex and ever changing. You will want a firm who has not only "been around the block" a few times and have actually tried cases before the court but they also make it a priority to stay current on new case law and attend training seminars. Likewise, having a former insurance defense lawyer as your attorney is also a good plan. He will likely know the insurance companies' perspective and the tactics they will use to deny your claim. In turn, he will know how to counter them.

Furthermore, you should hire a work injury attorney with a firm who actually cares about your case.

We recommend you ask for references or testimonials from past clients. Be sure the lawyer you hire will actually return your phone calls and will keep you informed. Having an attorney by your side means you can focus on recovery but you also do not want to be left out in the cold as it pertains to your work comp claim.

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