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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### PRACTICE AREAS

A serious accident can cause chaos in every part of your life. Aside from the pain and emotional trauma, a severe injury may prevent you from working or enjoying life the way you did before your injury. Your medical bills and time lost at work can have a major impact on your family's finances. The insurance company is not likely to give you all the information you need at this critical time. An experienced personal injury attorney can make a world of difference in the resolution of your accident claim.

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- Trucking Accidents
- Wrongful Death

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### Why should I hire a personal injury attorney?

Simply put, a talented personal injury attorney will increase the amount and certainty of the monetary compensation you receive for your injuries. While insurance companies will probably cover some of the costs associated with treating the injuries you sustained, their coverage usually does not extend beyond the initial costs. Some injuries can leave you with a lifetime of pain and discomfort. You should be compensated for these hardships. With the help of a dedicated attorney, you can seek retribution for all the hardships you will now have to endure as a result of your injuries. Do not sit back and let the insurance companies dictate the terms of your future life, they will always come up short.

#### What is the difference between a claim and a lawsuit?

Typically, a claim is filed with an insurance company in an attempt to obtain a reasonable settlement for the injuries and losses sustained by victim because of another person's or company's negligence. A lawsuit is a legal action filed before the court that seeks compensation from the individual, corporation, government agency, or insurance company that caused the victim's injuries and damages. Discuss your case with a knowledgeable attorney to determine the best option for your situation.

### What exactly is negligence?

Negligence is one of the most important aspects of a personal injury case. In fact, it is what an entire claim is based on. Negligence is what causes the accident you were injured in the first place. It is any conduct that fails to provide reasonable care to protect an individual from harm. In the legal field, negligence has four aspects. First, the individual accused of negligence must have owed the injured individual a duty of care. Second, they must have violated that duty. Third, that breach directly caused the injury. Fourth and finally, that the damage from the injury is provable. If all four elements are met, an individual may be accused of negligence.

### Should I try to reach a settlement?

When you try to reach a settlement for your personal injury case, you are essentially making an agreement before going to trial. This is done when one party, either the defendant or the insurance company, offers a certain monetary payment in hopes of avoiding going to court. Reaching a settlement can be beneficial in some situations. However, you must be wary of individuals and insurance companies that are trying to cheat you out of the full amount that is due to you. If you are not sure if the settlement that is offered to you is appropriate, you should hire an attorney. A legal professional will be able to help you determine whether or not you would receive full coverage by accepting their offer.

#### Who will work on my case?

At Abt and Hingerty, LLC, you will know that experienced trial lawyers, with twenty five years experience working for injured and disabled persons, will be handling your case. Unlike other firms, your case will not be given to a young associate with little or no experience. We also have a dedicated and conscientious staff who is ready to take your questions and give you updates on your case.

### How long will it take to finish my case?

Abt and Hingerty, LLC will work hard to develop your case as fully as possible in the timeliest way. Unfortunately, many corporations accused of wrongdoing and negligence attempt to delay the conclusion of the case. Since the law firm does not get paid until there is a successful resolution of your case, the lawyer will be aggressive in pushing for a timely outcome.

Other factors that can delay or speed up your case include the court calendar, lawyer, and expert witness schedules.



E. JAY ABT, ESQ.

Mr. Abt has been deemed an AV-rated lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell's peer review ratings system. This rating is the highest professional and ethical rating a lawyer can achieve. Mr. Abt has also been chosen as a 'Super Lawyer' in Georgia for the years 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2011. He is frequently consulted by various media outlets seeking legal expertise including ABC's 20/20, Dateline NBC, CNN Headline News, and Fox 5 Atlanta.











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