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Welcome to ArizonaAutoAccidentAttorney.com

This is the right place for you if:

- You live in Southern Arizona (or your injury took place in Southern Arizona).
- You were seriously injured (broken bones, broken teeth, concussion, cuts requiring multiple stitches, internal organ injury, hospitalization, etc.).
- Your injury was caused by the fault of someone else.
- The person that hit you has enough insurance to cover you injury claim. For accidents where the person that injured you has little or no insurance, then we may still proceed if your own automobile insurance policy has uninsured coverage (protecting you from uninsured drivers) or underinsured coverage (for cases where the other driver does not have enough insurance to cover your injury claim). If you are not sure about the insurance situation please still contact me and I'll sort it out.

I am an "A" rated attorney. I have been giving personal attention to seriously injured auto accident victims for the last 30 years. I have been involved in civil cases, both settlements and trials, involving 60 million dollars in assets. Each year I personally handle a limited number of cases. I do not use paralegals or hand your case over to some junior, inexperienced attorney.

I select my cases very carefully. Once I accept a case, I work on it very hard.

Choosing a lawyer to handle your auto accident injury case is a very important decision. I am going to give you some straight, candid, inside information. This should help you make a good decision about the attorney you would like to represent you.

I WILL CONSIDER YOUR CASE IF YOU ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED

In a perfect world a lot of things would be different. That would include the elimination of automobile collisions. Unfortunately, automobile collisions happen everyday. Because of the use of seatbelts and the existence of airbags, most people are not badly hurt. I limit my practice to seriously injured auto accident victims. Therefore, I would ask you to think about whether your injuries are really serious.

As mentioned above, examples of serious injuries are ones in where someone experiences a broken bone(s), a serious laceration requiring stitches, broken teeth, concussion, or other injuries requiring hospitalization beyond the emergency room. Obviously, also

included with serious injuries are cases where someone has died as a result of the automobile collision. These are the type of cases I handle.

If your case involves only minor injuries such as whiplash that goes away in a few weeks, or bumps and bruises, you may want to call one of the law firms that do a lot of the expensive advertising with their big ads in the phone book. Those types of firm focus on a volume of cases. They have large staffs including many secretaries, paralegals, and others who handle the large volume of cases they accept.

If you have not been hurt very seriously, then you are fortunate. I do not know any person that would prefer to have a serious injury over a small injury just to be able to make a claim. However, if you have been seriously injured, then please read on.

YOUR INJURY MUST BE SOMEONE ELSE'S FAULT

Whether your injuries are serious, or minor, you are not entitled to any compensation unless your injury is the fault of another person. You can't make a claim against yourself. However, it's important that you understand that the person who caused your injury doesn't necessarily have to be a stranger in order for you to get compensation. Children may make a claim against their parents. One family member may be able to make a claim against another family member. Just because you are related doesn't disqualify you from compensation if a family member is negligent in operating a motor vehicle. As a practical matter, most insurance policies will cover these types of situations. The money recovered will come from an insurance company. Remember, the insurance company has been collecting money (premiums) to have the money to pay out when there is an accident. Most people have no problem making a claim against the insurance company of a stranger. You shouldn't have a problem with making a claim against the insurance company of a family member. Insurance is insurance. If it is there and the claim is justified, then you should be able to collect.

THE TRUTH ABOUT PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS - THE INSURANCE COMPANIES KNOW THEIR REPUTATIONS

I promised you straight, truthful information. Here it is. If you are seriously injured, we will be making a claim against the negligent driver's insurance company. The larger insurance companies like Farmer's, Allstate, State Farm, Country Companies, American Family Insurance and similar large companies all maintain their own, in-house claims adjustors. Those claims adjustors work full time for one company. They have offices of claims adjustors in Tucson. There are the people that review the cases and give authority for settlements. About 98% of all cases settle without the necessity of going through a

trial. However, settlements can vary quite a bit. A lot has to do with the reputation of the attorney!

Even companies that don't maintain their own adjustors in Tucson, still use claims adjustors that are based in Tucson. These are "independent adjustment agencies". There are offices of claims adjustors all over the United States. They are used by the smaller insurance companies that choose not to keep their own adjustors in major cities. They are like rental car companies. If you are in a town without your car, you can rent one. These insurance adjustors are like rent-an-adjuster. For example, if you are hit by a driver whose insurance company is out of California, that company may choose to use a local "independent" adjustor to whom they pay a fee to handle the case. Those independent adjustors are working for the company that hires them - not you.

Whether the person that injured you is insured by a big company that hires its own adjustors, or whether it's a company that uses local independent adjustors, the adjustors are all familiar with the Southern Arizona attorneys.

The insurance adjustors are not impressed by the advertising of the big advertising law firms! They know these law firms, and all lawyers, by their reputation. They know if one of the big advertisers is one that just tries to process cases as quickly as possible through the use of many secretaries, paralegals, and other support people so that your case is processed like a fast food order. The claims adjustors are not taken in by the fancy advertising. What does happen is that claims adjustors know the reputation for individual attorneys as to whether they really do fight hard and don't settle cheap, or, as with many attorneys, there is just a lot of huff and puff. They know the lawyers that will settle cheap after all the bluffing and throwing the bull has taken place.

I believe that I have an excellent reputation. It is based upon hard work and results.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND ABOUT MYSELF

I graduated from the University of Arizona in 1969 with a degree in business. I then served with the United States Navy on land in Danang Vietnam in 1969 and 1970, receiving an honorable discharge. After Vietnam, I attended the University of Arizona Law School where I graduated with honors. I was the chairman of the Board of Governor's of the law school. That was a student organization and I was elected by the student body of the law school. After I graduated law school, I was recruited to become a trial attorney with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in Phoenix. I spent time with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office handling criminal cases; but wanted to return to Tucson. I received a job offer from a good quality small firm and returned to Tucson to practice civil trial law. I was with that law firm for 7 years and then opened my own office. I have been practicing law for 30 years, 23 of those by myself.

I have seen examples of other law firms using support personnel, including paralegals, to try to process lots of cases with little input from the attorney. I didn't like what I saw going on. I have chosen in my career not to use paralegals and other support personnel, rather, I limit the cases to those that I can handle myself. Occasionally, during vacation time or when it's appropriate I may associate with another highly experienced personal injury attorney to work with me on a case. The couple of attorneys that I have associated with in the past have each been certified by the State Bar of Arizona as a Specialist in the area of Personal Injury and Wrongful Death. Those attorneys, like myself, do not use paralegals.

ATTORNEY FEES

I typically handle these cases on a percentage or contingency based upon the recovery. It is "no recovery no fee". In plain English that means that I do not get paid if I do not collect money for the auto accident victim. Legal ethics require that any Attorney that handles an injury claim on a contingent or percentage basis still must have the client agree to be responsible for any actual out-of-pocket costs. However, in the typical case, those actual costs are very small. This has never prevented any client of mine from going forward with their claim. This is something else that I always discuss with clients as part of evaluating their case.

IF YOU DON'T CALL, I CAN'T HELP YOU

Frankly, many people have the wrong idea, or incomplete information, about the law and their rights if they are an auto accident victim. I have been representing auto accident victims for 29 years. I am happy to evaluate your case for free. I will give you all the necessary information as it applies to your case. I will answer any questions you may have about your case. I do not charge to evaluate a claim. Therefore, there is no risk to calling me to check things out. However, if you do not call, I cannot help you or your family member who has been a victim of a negligent driver.

I am sorry if you or a member of your household has been the victim of a serious auto accident. However, if this has happened, you or your family member should be compensated to the full extent that the law allows. That is what I am dedicated to doing in my practice!

Thank you for visiting my website.

Philip S. Abromowitz

