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Our ACCIDENT INJURY Team is Here for You

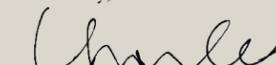


As an injured party, you may find yourself asking, "What is personal injury law?" or "Do I need an accident injury attorney?" Those are questions we hope you never have to ask yourself, but if you do, we want you to have the best information going forward. That's where our office comes in – personal injury law, also called tort law, strives to protect the rights and interests of victims who are injured due to the negligent, reckless, or outrageous misconduct of other people or legal entities. Simply put, personal injury law allows victims to claim compensation (usually financial in nature) from the people or companies who are responsible for causing them harm.

When tragic, unforeseeable accidents occur, victims may be susceptible to any number of physical injuries. Sadly, these incidents can be caused by a variety of different forces and often lead to a number of costs, such as medical bills, lost wages, and emotional suffering. When innocent people are harmed by the negligence of others, they may be able to take legal action against the careless party. Often, these cases lead into our other practice areas. We can handle all areas effectively and passionately if given the chance.

The Indiana personal injury attorneys of the Charles D. Hankey Law Office have years of experience fighting for the rights of people suffering from injuries incurred at the hands of negligent individuals. If you or someone you love has been the victim of an accident caused by another, you may be eligible for financial compensation for your suffering. Contact us at 317-634-8565 to discuss your case with a member of our knowledgeable legal team today.

Sincerely,


Charles D. Hankey

Our Recent Injury Cases

Here is a brief summary of injury cases we have handled for our clients in the past:

Accident Caused by Drunk Driver

Brain damage to a college student occurred when a drunk driver crossed the center line, causing a head-on collision. Our office went after not only the drunk driver, but also the bar that served him.

Icy Parking Lot Slip and Fall

A 50-year-old female slipped and fell on ice in a parking lot when no ice melt or sand was spread. She required surgery to repair the tendon in her foot and fuse the ankle.

Injury from Unsafe Escalator

Severe hand lacerations were suffered by a 7-year-old when his hand became entrapped in the side of an escalator. Surgery was required to repair the tendons and nerves, but permanent limitations of the hand resulted.

Fractured Ankle at Haunted House

A 19-year-old female suffered severe ankle fracture when pursued by creature with a chainsaw at a haunted house. She required metal and screws to repair the ankle. A favorable verdict was awarded for client at trial.

Unattended Vehicle Caused Collision

Severe back pain requiring a 44-year-old female to undergo surgery resulted from a collision with a service vehicle parked in the traffic lane that was attempting to repair a semi.

The contents of this newsletter do not constitute legal advice. Every case is different and must be judged on its own merits. Past results afford no guarantee of future results.

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WINTER WEATHER DRIVING TIPS

From the driveway to the highway, getting your car out in the snow can be a pain. You should be prepared for whatever the season throws at you (or piles on top of you).

Protect your windshield after Mother Nature's frosting

- If you are de-icing your windows - Hot water is a no-no, unless you like that shattered glass look.
- To begin, start your car and turn on the front and rear defrosters to help soften the ice and snow. It will also help warm up your car while you work.
- When you're ready to begin scraping the ice, opt for a plastic ice scraper. Plastic scrapers are less likely to damage or scratch the surface of the glass.
- Your wipers weren't made for heavy lifting. Use them only after you've cleared off the snow and ice from your windshield.
- Make sure your car has plenty of windshield washer fluid before you get out on the slush, salt and sand covered roads.

How to take your car from snow-packed to road-worthy

- First things first...you want the snow off your car but you probably want to save the paint. Opt for brushes designed for auto snow removal and leave the shovel in the shed.
- Whatever you do - don't forget the roof! In fact, failing to clean off your car can be illegal. You don't want a block of ice the size of a mattress flying off your car into traffic.
- Brush off mirrors, head and tail lights and license plates.
- Carbon monoxide is no laughing matter, so check your tailpipe to be sure it's free of snow whenever your car is running.
- When you are ready to hit the road, shovel around your wheels and under the front and rear bumpers to clear away any snow. And above all, please be careful out there.

On the Road Again: Driving Tips for Snow and Ice

- Slow Down. In normal conditions, you should maintain a following distance of 3 seconds between you and another car. On winter roads, increase that to 8-10 seconds. It may mean slow going, but a little patience will keep you a lot safer.
- Get Unstuck the Right Way. Avoid the temptation to spin your wheels. You'll just dig yourself into a deeper hole. Instead, determine the path of least resistance between your car and solid ground. Then, clear the snow behind and in front of all four tires and liberally spread sand or kitty litter in front of and behind the drive wheels. The sharper your front wheels are turned, the more resistance to movement in either direction you create. Try to keep the front tires as straight as possible.
- Tackle a Skid the Smart Way. If your car skids, keep a cool head, and follow these steps:
 - o Don't panic.
 - o Don't slam on the brakes.
 - o Take your foot off the gas.
 - o Steer your car in the direction you want to go.
 - o Wait for the car to slow down so you can regain control.



Content from Geico.com: Winter Weather Driving Tips - October 30 2012

ASK AN ATTORNEY:

"CAN I COLLECT UNEMPLOYMENT WHILE I WAIT FOR MY DISABILITY HEARING?"

By Ashley Marks, Attorney



Many people have asked us: "Can I collect unemployment benefits while I wait for my disability hearing?"

While the receipt of unemployment benefits does not necessarily stop you from being awarded disability, it is a factor that will be taken into consideration by the judge in deciding whether you are disabled.

The issue stems from the fact that, in Indiana, when requesting unemployment benefits you sign declaring that you are willing and able to participate in employment. When you sign up for disability benefits, you are declaring that you are not able to participate in full-time employment due to your health conditions. Judges do take this into consideration.

In some cases, the judges react badly when an individual is claiming both unemployment benefits and disability benefits, and use this inconsistency as evidence to support denying your claim for disability. Even if the judge decides in your favor, judges refuse to award back-pay disability benefits during any time period that you were receiving unemployment benefits. This is important because the total amount of the back-pay you could have potentially received may be larger than the amount you obtained through unemployment benefits.

In short, filing for unemployment and disability benefits is generally not a good idea. However, if unemployment benefits are the only way you have to make ends meet, it is not necessarily the end of your Social Security Disability case. If you have received unemployment during the time period you are alleging disability, it is important you let your attorney know this. We can help prepare you for how to best answer the judge's questions regarding the issue.

RECIPE: HOT APPLE CIDER

Ingredients:

- 6 cups apple cider
- 1/4 cup real maple syrup
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 6 whole cloves
- 6 whole allspice berries
- 1 orange peel, cut into strips
- 1 lemon peel, cut into strips

Instructions:

Pour apple cider and maple syrup into a large saucepan. Place cinnamon sticks, cloves, allspice berries, orange peel and lemon peel in the center of a washed square of cheesecloth; fold up the sides to enclose the bundle, then tie it with kitchen string. Drop the bundle into the cider mixture. Place the saucepan over medium heat for 5 to 10 minutes, or until the cider is very hot but not boiling. Remove the cider from the heat. Discard the spice bundle. Ladle the cider into big cups or mugs, adding a fresh cinnamon stick to each serving if desired.



MEET CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY BRYAN COOK



The Hankey Law Office refers our clients to Bryan Cook for their criminal case needs.

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CONGRATULATIONS MEGAN!

The Hankey Law Office would like to congratulate Megan, our marketing director, on her recent engagement. Megan and Brandon will tie the knot in May 2013. Congrats!



OUR SINCEREST THANKS

We would like to say THANK YOU to the following people and organizations for recommending the Hankey Law Office to others this year:

Christopher Wheatley
Johnson County Legal Clinic
Ed Bryan
Kristina Ford
Dr. Paul Guise
Keefe Disability Law (Boston Law Firm)
Ionella & Mumbolo (Boston Law Firm)
Washington Township Trustee's office in Avon, IN
Adult and Child Mental Health
Dr. Bryon Ross
Pernita Baker

A referral from a past client or industry partner is the greatest compliment we can receive and we are very grateful for their trust and kind words.

If you know someone who could benefit from our services or know someone who has referred to us but is not listed above, please contact Megan at mec@hankeylaw.com.

Thank You!

CLIP & SAVE: Helpful Contacts

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Contact us if:

- You moved to a new address or changed your phone number
- You received a denial letter
- You went to see a new doctor
- You have been admitted to the hospital
- Your doctor has diagnosed you with a new medical condition
- You had a new test/MRI/X-ray

Additional Resources

Information Referral Network - 317-926-HELP

Crisis Line - 317-251-7575

Center Township Trustees (can assist with rent, utilities, takes applications for Food Stamps, TANF, and Medicaid)
863 Massachusetts Avenue - 317-633-3610

Healthy Indiana Plan: low cost insurance for Indiana Families - 877-438-4479 | www.hip.in.gov

RX for Indiana: assistance with prescription drug cost - 877-793-0765 | www.rxforindiana.org

Advantage Program: health care program for uninsured, low-income Marion County residents - 317-221-2000 | www.hhcorp.org/adv.htm

Voc. Rehab. Services: 877-847-9894 | www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/4938.htm

Damien Center: help for those afflicted by HIV/AIDS - 317-632-0123 | 800-213-1163 | www.damien.org

Housing Help:

Indianapolis Resource Center for Independent Living - 317-926-1660

Colonial Park (chronic homeless program) - 317-353-6784

Indianapolis Public Housing Agency (section 8) - 317-261-7200

Barton Center (sleeping rooms - \$278, 2 bedrooms \$500-613) - 317-423-2575

You can apply for Social Security disability benefits by calling 1-800-772-1213, online at www.ssa.gov, or in person at your local office

Indianapolis Area Local Social Security Office Addresses*:

West Side: 4279 N. Lafayette Rd. - 866-218-2309

Downtown: 575 N. Pennsylvania, Suite 685 - 866-931-7057

East Side: 5515 N. Post Rd. - 866-220-7899

*If you live outside of the Indianapolis area, please ask a Case Administrator for the address and phone number to your local social security office.

Do you have a pending disability case, but are unable to go to the doctor due to money and lack of insurance? If so, find a Free or Low Cost Clinic near you at: http://freeclinicdirectory.org/indiana_care.html

“Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections.”

- Gerard Way