

Child Injury Laws *Blog*

Can You Afford Not To Speak To A Lawyer Following Your Child's Injury?

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I receive many inquiries from parents of **injured children** who are concerned both about the long-term impact of injuries on their children--- and how to go about seeking legal recourse from the party that may have caused the injured. While the medical implications of an injury are indeed best suited for a physician to address, to potential legal redress may be evaluated by an attorney experienced in **personal injury law**.

Few relationships have such an alignment of interests as an attorney / client relationship in a personal injury context. Under a contingency fee payment plan, the financial interest of client and lawyer are completely aligned. Simply put, a contingency payment is a payment based on a recovery for the injured person. In a contingency fee arrangement, the attorney receives no payment until the lawsuit is tried to verdict or settled. After all the work has been done, the attorney receives a percentage of the recovery.

The percentage of the recovery a lawyer charges is dependent on the type of case and the complexity of the matter. Nonetheless, the exact percentage should be agreed upon in writing soon after the retention of the lawyer.

In all cases there is a chance there will be no recovery--the case may not have merit or the defendant goes bankrupt, ect.. Under a contingency fee contract, if the lawyer does not win the case then the

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client will not be required to pay a fee. The client is not responsible for paying the lawyer for any of the time he spent on the case.

The ability to collect a percentage of the settlement or judgment provides a solid incentive for a lawyer to best serve a client. After all, the potential financial reward of getting the highest settlement benefits the attorney and the client equally. So, the attorney will not perform at anything less than his or her best because there is a huge incentive for successfully litigating the case.

Rosenfeld Injury Lawyers, consistently handled personal injury matters on behalf of injured individuals-- never corporations. Our experience handling cases on behalf of children and other particularly vulnerable people has earned us a reputation in the medical and legal communities as the type of lawyers who will go the distance for their clients.

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