



## **Report #8**

### **What to Expect Your Lawyer to Do:**

- Gather evidence: photographs, police reports, witness statements.
- Determine insurance coverages available to protect client.
- File No-Fault insurance and uninsured/underinsured motorist claim forms (within thirty days of accident).
- If necessary, file claim with Motor Vehicle Accident Indemnification Corporation (MVAIC).
- Prepare client for insurance company's No-Fault medical examinations.
- Notify and prepare client for Examination Under Oath (EUO) and/or municipal "50-h" (statutory) hearing.
- If applicable, advise client about disability benefits, lost wage benefits, Workers' Compensation benefits.
- Obtain hospital and physicians' records.
- Send medical reports to insurance company to try to settle.
- If case doesn't settle, commence lawsuit or demand arbitration.
- Fight lawsuit. Engage in discovery (or sharing information with the other side), Examination Before Trial (EBT), etc. Prepare client for defendant's medical examinations. Seek information



from defendant. Provide information to defendant as demanded (and as may be proper).

- Place case on court's trial calendar.
- Make and defend any motions (applications to the judge).
- Organize and prepare for trial. Keep updating client's medical records.
- Trial through verdict, including preparing and presenting medical witnesses (doctors) and fact witnesses.
- If unhappy with result, analyze case for possible appeal (generally not included in basic retainer).