

Top 10 Reasons to Hire an Experienced Portland Injury Law Firm

If you've been hurt in an accident, and are trying to decide if you want to hire a lawyer, here are ten reasons you should consider it.

1) Experience with Similar Claims.

Experience is important. An experienced lawyer will understand whether your case is worth pursuing, if you have grounds for a claim, and how to pursue legal action if needed. Call our office today to start discussing your case with our attorneys.

2) No Fees if You Don't Win Your Case.

Like most personal injury law firms, we work on a contingency fee basis. This means, if we help you win your case, we receive a percentage of the settlement amount. If we fail, you will not have to pay attorneys' fees. Either way, in most firms you might have to pay any costs associated with your case, but a personal injury attorney can explain this during your free consultation.

3) Saves You Time.

At our firm, we have paralegals and medical specialists to take care of the paperwork, medical records, and maze of adjuster communication that you do not want to deal with. Then, our attorneys can take over and work with you to cut through the red tape that insurance companies put up to avoid having to pay compensation.

4) We Know Investigators.

For many cases, it is necessary to hire witnesses and investigators to examine the technical areas of your case. This could mean someone to look at your car, look at the area, or look at your medical treatments. In some cases, this could even mean hiring an investigator to find out if the other driver has other assets you might want to pursue in your claim. But personal injury attorneys like us know how to work with these specialists to your benefit.

5) We Can Offer Objectivity.

Talking with an attorney can help you make better decisions. For instance, if the insurance adjuster has offered you a low settlement, you might be tempted to take the money because you are stressed about bills. But at Shulman DuBois we try to help our clients understand the most beneficial strategies for getting the best offer – which might mean waiting.

6) Alternative Ways to Reach a Resolution.

If negotiations with the insurance company do not work to reach an agreeable settlement, most people think the next step is trial. This is not true. There are other ways to reach an agreement, which are less costly and time consuming, such as arbitration and mediation. We have experience with both these types of dispute resolution, and we try to find the method that best serves our clients.

7) Experience Working with Other Lawyers.

Working with a lawyer for the insurance company can be extremely taxing, but personal injury lawyers have experience dealing with opposing counsel for you. Besides opposing counsel, personal injury attorneys also have experience working with bankruptcy attorneys, criminal attorneys, divorce attorneys, etc. – depending on the special

circumstances of your case. For example, if your family has filed for bankruptcy before a personal injury settlement is reached, you may not receive your full settlement because it will be earmarked for your creditors. But your personal injury attorney can work with your bankruptcy attorney to reduce this if possible.

8) Knowledge of the Personal Injury Process

We know how to work with insurance companies, adjusters, and we understand their tricks. They use tactics to delay decisions, to pressure injury victims, and to avoid paying fair settlements, but we know the law and we help our clients understand their legal options.

9) Settlements are Higher

According to the Insurance Research Council, people who hired lawyers generally receive higher settlements than those who do not. Lawyers work hard to reach fair settlements as early in the process as they can, if that settlement is in the clients' best interest, but the threat of having to go to court might be the reason insurance company's offer higher settlements to represented clients.

10) Getting a Jury Verdict.

With a personal injury lawyer, you have someone who will work as your advocate in court before a jury. Your lawyer will work hard to show your case in the best light and hopefully get a good jury verdict in your favor.