

GENERAL PERSONAL INJURY QUESTIONS

[How much will it cost to hire the Andrews Law Firm?](#)

Some lawyers work on an hourly rate; others a flat fee; others, including Andrews Law Firm, do not charge on an hourly basis in accident cases. We charge a contingent fee. Although costs of litigation are extra, it costs nothing up front to hire the law firm and we are compensated only if we successfully recover for you, PERIOD! In addition, unlike many other firms, the Andrews Law Firm does not charge the client for long distance calls, photocopying, and postage.

[How much is my case worth?](#)

There is no standard value of an injury. Each case is unique and must be valued independently. The nature and extent of the injuries, the length of treatment and recovery time, lost wages, whether there is a permanent impairment, whether there is comparative fault, and whether punitive damages are appropriate are all factors that affect the value of a case.

[Can you tell me how much my case is worth?](#)

For no cost, we are glad to give you a reliable assessment regarding liability and damages. However, such an evaluation is somewhat limited as the case develops, we will become more aware of additional facts.

[How long will it take to finish my case?](#)

This depends on the injuries and amount of treatment necessary for you to recover. In exchange for settling with an insurance company you must sign a release that states you will no longer attempt to recover money from the insurance company or defendant. It is important to be certain of your injuries and necessary treatment before signing the release. Resolving a case prematurely often results in a smaller recovery.

[How long do I have to take legal action?](#)

The amount of time you have to file a lawsuit depends greatly on the facts of your case. Sometimes action must be taken immediately while in other situations there may be years to take legal action. The statute of limitations generally runs in two years, but depending on who the defending party is it may be longer or shorter. Failure to file a lawsuit within the time specified by the statute of limitations may result in your ability to recover damages being forever lost.

[When should I contact a lawyer?](#)

If you are planning on pursuing a claim, or wish to discuss it, you should contact a lawyer immediately. Although it may seem as if there is plenty of time before a lawsuit must be filed, there are other reasons to begin working on your case quickly. Depending on your case, there may be crucial deadlines that pass only ninety days from the date of your injury or accident. There may be actions that you should take sooner than later.

It may be necessary to act fast in order to preserve important evidence, locate a witness, or investigate the scene of the accident or injury.

Should I talk with an attorney before an adjuster?

Yes. Many insurance adjusters simply want to reduce the amount of money they must pay to resolve your matter. Occasionally an adjuster will ask to speak with you about your case and may attempt to record your conversation. Such statements with adjusters may be used against you in the future.

If you would like to speak with an adjuster, one of our attorneys will discuss with you how to handle such statements, what to avoid and appropriate cautions.

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