Drunk Driving Accident Claim Checklist

Steps to take after a drunk driving accident in Denver.

Based on Denver Drunk Driving Accident Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions After an Accident

What to do right after the crash occurs.

- ■ Call 911 immediately.
- ■ Seek medical attention for any injuries.
- ■ Cooperate with law enforcement.
- ■ Do not admit fault.
- ■ Exchange information with other drivers.
- ■ Document the scene if possible (photos, notes).

2. Understanding Legal Proceedings

Key differences between criminal and civil cases.

- ■ Recognize the criminal case is separate from your civil claim.
- ■ Understand the criminal case aims to punish the driver.
- ■ Understand your civil lawsuit seeks financial compensation.
- ■ Know that you can file a civil claim regardless of the criminal case status.

3. Gathering Evidence for Your Claim

Collecting information to support your case.

- ■ Obtain the police report.
- ■ Collect witness contact information.
- ■ Keep records of all medical treatments and bills.
- ■ Track all lost wages due to the accident.
- ■ Document pain and suffering experienced.

4. Navigating the Statute of Limitations

Be aware of deadlines for filing your claim.

- ■ Note Colorado's three-year statute of limitations for personal injury claims.
- ■ Understand the clock starts from the date of the accident.
- ■ Do not wait for the criminal case to conclude before filing your civil claim.

5. Consulting with an Attorney

Steps to find and work with legal representation.

- ■ Seek a lawyer specializing in drunk driving accidents.

- Discuss your case details with the attorney.
- Understand the attorney's fee structure.
- Provide all gathered evidence to your lawyer.

6. Pursuing Compensation

What your civil claim can cover.

- Seek compensation for medical bills.
- Claim compensation for lost wages.
- Seek compensation for pain and suffering.
- Explore compensation for other accident-related expenses.

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