Personal Injury Checklist

Steps to take after a personal injury incident

Based on Brighton Personal Injury Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions After an Accident

What to do right after the incident occurs.

- ■ Seek medical attention immediately.
- ■ Call the police to file an accident report.
- ■ Gather contact information from witnesses.
- ■ Document the scene with photos or videos if possible.
- ■ Do not admit fault for the accident.
- ■ Obtain the other party's insurance information.

2. Documenting Your Injuries and Damages

Keeping records of your losses.

- ■ Keep a detailed record of all medical treatments and appointments.
- ■ Save all medical bills and receipts.
- ■ Track lost wages and any impact on your earning capacity.
- ■ Document pain and suffering with a journal.
- ■ Photograph all injuries as they heal.

3. Communicating with Insurance Companies

Navigating interactions with insurers.

- ■ Notify your insurance company about the accident.
- ■ Be cautious about what you say to the other party's insurer.
- ■ Do not give a recorded statement without legal advice.
- ■ Avoid signing any documents from the insurance company without review.

4. Understanding Legal Representation

When and why to consider hiring a lawyer.

- ■ Research personal injury lawyers in your area.
- ■ Look for lawyers with experience in cases similar to yours.
- ■ Inquire about the lawyer's fee structure (contingency fee, hourly, etc.).
- ■ Understand how case expenses are handled.
- ■ Ask about the lawyer's track record and client testimonials.

5. Working with Your Lawyer

Collaborating effectively with your legal team.

- Provide your lawyer with all relevant documents and information.
- Be honest and forthcoming with your lawyer.
- Attend all scheduled meetings and appointments.
- Respond promptly to your lawyer's requests.
- Ask questions if you are unsure about any aspect of your case.

6. The Legal Process

Key stages in a personal injury claim.

- Understand the statute of limitations for filing a lawsuit.
- Be aware of the negotiation and settlement process.
- Know the possibility of going to trial if a settlement isn't reached.
- Follow your lawyer's guidance throughout the process.

Resources & Further Reading

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