

Maximizing Your Auto Settlement Roadmap

Navigating the process of securing a fair auto settlement.

Based on Auto Settlement by McCormick and Murphy

Immediately After the Accident: Initial Actions and Documentation

- Seek medical attention if injured.
- Document the accident scene (photos, witness info).
- Report the accident to law enforcement.
- Notify your insurance company.



First Few Days: Gathering Information

- Obtain a police report.
- Collect all relevant medical records and bills.
- Keep detailed records of lost wages.
- Identify all involved parties and their insurance information.



First Week: Understanding Your Rights

- Review your insurance policy.
- Understand Colorado's car insurance laws.
- Consult with an experienced auto accident attorney.



Weeks 2-4: Building Your Case

- Continue medical treatment and document progress.
- Provide all gathered documentation to your attorney.
- Allow your attorney to communicate with insurance adjusters.



Month 2-3: Negotiation Phase

- Attorney evaluates the strength of your claim.
- Demand letter is sent to the at-fault party's insurer.
- Engage in settlement negotiations.



Ongoing: Resolution or Litigation

- Accept a fair settlement offer.

- If no agreement, consider mediation or arbitration.
- Prepare for trial if litigation is necessary.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this timeline:

■ Maximizing Your Auto Settlement (Infographic)

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■ Maximizing Your Auto Settlement (Process Flow)

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Proactive steps and legal guidance are key to a successful auto settlement.