

PROCESS AND APPROXIMATE TIMELINE FOR AN “AVERAGE” AUTO ACCIDENT CASE

ACCIDENT

Call police and ambulance

Do not call insurance

What you say can hurt you despite you being honest

GET AN ATTORNEY

Help with car repair

This can take 2-5 days if insurer accepts responsibility

Deals with insurance for you

OBTAIN MEDICAL CARE

You get better

Go to doctor, physical therapy, chiropractor? 2-3 months?

Attorney gathers bills and records

ATTORNEY COMPLETES INVESTIGATION

Secures evidence & witnesses

This takes place while you are getting better

Evaluates your case when you are better

Want to include all medical bills, and everything “bad” for compensation

ATTEMPT OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT

Negotiate with insurance

After a “demand” is sent to them, it normally takes 4-6 weeks

Settle or file lawsuit

Lawsuit could take 6-12 months depending upon what court

SECURE MONEY

Unpaid bills get paid

You are compensated