

Jackson Can Tell Your Story

At Jackson Injury Lawyers, LLC our knowledgeable City car accident lawyers have more than 20 years of experience holding at-fault parties accountable. With an extensive trial background, our City injury attorneys can explain how to secure compensation in car accident cases as well as help you fight for what is right. To speak directly with a highly-skilled and compassionate car accident lawyer, call (555) 555-5555 today or submit the details of your accident through our online form.

How Jackson Can Help You After A Car Accident

When you've been a car accident, the last thing you should have to deal with is overbearing insurance companies, medical payments, legal troubles, and the legal system. That's why we provide the legal assistance you need when you're facing a car accident. Our goal is to lessen your stress, reduce your worry, and eliminate any confusion you may have after experiencing an accident.

We provide a free, no-risk consultation. As with any personal injury case, Jackson Injury Lawyers, LLC handles car accidents on a contingency basis. You won't owe us a dollar until you win your case. Additionally, we provide assistance with:

- Filing a claim with the other driver's insurance company
- Pursuing a claim with the other driver's insurance company
- Determining your property as well as medical damages
- Filing a personal injury lawsuit in civil court
- Argue on your behalf in cases of comparative fault

How Much Is My Case Worth?

Every aspect of a car accident, from fault to the extent of the injuries, determine how much a case is worth. As a car accident attorney, our job is to help clients by maximizing what you can receive after a devastating crash. Additionally, we can help you determine fault, define your medical costs, and negotiate with insurance companies.

Car accident settlements are ever easy to resolve. Both sides are seeking the easiest, most beneficial solution to the case. With so many moving pieces, it is easy to become overwhelmed and seek the easiest solution which may not benefit you.

Therefore, the legal team at Allen and Schofield can help simplify your case and provide the guidance and solutions you need to maximize your compensation. Our legal team understands the challenges you are facing, and we can help you deal with every aspect of the situation. We determine how much your case is worth based on a variety of factors, including:

- The costs and losses of medical treatments and prescriptions
- Any wages lost from time off work

- Wages lost from future payment for work
- Damage to personal property
- Physical therapy costs
- Insurance company settlements and policies

Once we have determined the economic value of your case, we negotiate with the defendant's insurance company. With more than 20 years of experience, we have the skill needed to ensure you receive the best results. However, if need be, we can take the case to trial in front of a judge and jury and represent you in a court of law.

Receiving just compensation after a car accident is not as easy as submitting an insurance claim and waiting for a check. Let the dedicated team at Jackson Injury Lawyers, LLC strengthen your claim and your chances of recovering what you need. As with any personal injury case, Jackson Injury Lawyers, LLC handles car accidents on a contingency basis. You won't owe us a dollar until you win your case.

When negotiations break down between you and the other driver, it's time to contact our dedicated legal team at (404) 458-9016 today or submit the details of your accident through our online form.

What if I'm Hurt In An Accident?

Assessing the physical damages done to a vehicle is difficult and tiring. However, what if you're injured? Medical damages can cost much more than property damage and are more difficult to define and determine. Therefore, you need Jackson to help you define the extent of your physical damages.

How Are My Ongoing Medical Bills Handled?

If you are hurt in a car accident, how are your ongoing medical bills handled? While a car accident settlement is great for covering damages in the long-term, you will need help paying medical bills right now. As a general rule, the defendant does NOT have to pay your ongoing medical bills.

Since State is a no-fault state, you are responsible for paying your medical bills as they accumulate. However, "med-pay" coverage or medical payment insurance coverage, can help cover the cost of your medical bills. Additionally, if the defendant is found at fault for the accident, then they have to pay for your damages, including your medical treatment.

However, if you do not have great insurance coverage, then we can help. We can put you in touch with medical professionals who will treat you now and defer your bills until you've settled with the defendant's insurance company.

How Do I Determine the Full Extent of My Injuries?

Pursuing an injury claim after a car accident is a difficult process. You have to prove the extent of your injuries as well as prove they were connected to the accident. Additionally, you'll need to

quantify the severity of the pain. Are you suffering from physical pain or mental anguish or both? All these elements have to be defined then given a monetary amount which can be compensated in a settlement. Nothing within this process is easy.

Therefore, you need Jackson to help with determining and defining the extent of your pain. Firstly, you must accept that if you do not go to the doctor for your pain, then an insurance company will conclude you weren't in any pain. Therefore, it is crucial to see a medical professional.

The defendant's insurance company is more likely to place a higher value on your injury if there is a medical corroboration of your injury. We can help you find medical professionals who are experts at determining the extent of your pain as well as providing the proof you need to strengthen your case.

For example, if you are in a car accident and have aches in your back a week later, then you need to go to the doctor. The doctor will give you an evaluation of your back as well as other potential pain areas such as your joints or chest. From here, the doctor will note in your medical records that you complained about your back and these notes will be utilized during the settlement process. Furthermore, we can ensure the right language is used on any and all medical reports.

Lastly, we gather the proper documentation for the defendant's and your insurance companies to review. Medical records we gather include:

- Medical records
- Medical bills
- Prescription records
- Photographs of your injuries
- Receipts for over-the-counter medications, and
- Documentation from your employer of any lost time from work

How Medical Costs Are Covered After A Car Accident

1. Peter is involved in an accident caused by a reckless driver
2. Peter's medical bills include everything from the hospital trip to the physical therapy and a major surgery to help reduce pain and aid in physical recovery.
3. Peter submits his bills to his health insurance company. Everything except the surgery is covered. However, we assist Peter by requesting the surgeon keep Peter's bills out of collection until after we settle the case with the defendant.
4. After a few months or therapy, Peter is discharged. He has been recovering and has not been able to attend work or enjoy his day-to-day.
5. We prepare a settlement package for Peter. The package includes compensation for all medical bills (including health insurance co-pays and deductibles), Peter's lost wages, pain, suffering, and inconvenience.

6. We notify Peter's insurance company about the settlement and they request reimbursements for their payout. We also negotiate with Peter's surgeon and ensure Peter's bill is discounted and paid.
7. Peter keeps the rest minus attorney fees and case costs.

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Who Should I Talk To After My Accident?

You should always contact your insurance company after a car accident. After you have ensured the personal safety of yourself, your passengers, and others, you need to begin taking relevant notes and information about the scene of the car accident. Information you will want to gather include:

- The name, address, and phone number of the other drivers involved in the accident
- The insurance policy and information of the other drivers involved in the accident
- Law enforcement agency which responded to the crash including badge number of responding officers (e.g. State Highway Patrol)
- The date, time, and place of the accident

State has legislation requiring vehicle owners have a minimum amount of liability car insurance. Additionally, State follows a "fault" system where the at-fault driver is liable for any personal injury or property damage resulting from the crash.

Additionally, all State residents are required to carry minimum limits of liability insurance. Liability insurance pays for the damage done to others on the behalf of the insured. Bodily injury liability of \$25,000 per person and property damage liability of \$25,000 per occurrence are the minimum requirements. Your insurance agent can provide more information about your minimum coverage when you call them after a car accident.

Do I need to talk to the other driver's insurance company?

No. In the state of State, you are not legally required to talk to the other driver's insurance company. However, you should contact your insurance agent after a car accident to help assess damages, insurance policies, and other crucial information.

State Code section 9-3-33 says "Actions for injuries to the person shall be brought within two years after the right of action accrues." This means you have two years to file a claim against another driver. If you settle with their insurance agency before you've assessed vehicle damage and your medical condition, then you cannot bring your case to court.

When dealing with a car accident, there are many elements at play. You never want to sign or agree to anything the other insurance company provides. They want to resolve your case as soon as possible while paying you as little as possible.

For example, if you settle with the other driver's insurance company a month after the crash but start experiencing physical pain potentially connected to the accident, then you cannot seek financial compensation. However, when you work with Jackson Injury Lawyers, LLC, we will help you access damages, process a claim, and negotiate a settlement with the other insurance company.

When you have questions or need legal advice, contact our car accident attorneys at (404) 458-9016 today to schedule an appointment.

How Is Fault Determined After a Car Accident?

"Negligence" is when a driver has acted in a thoughtless or careless manner which causes him or her to cause harm or injury to person or property. Some ways a driver can be negligent include:

- Running a red light
- Texting and driving
- Eating and driving
- Failing to yield
- Not stopping for a pedestrian
- Failing to turn on lights at night

Additionally, there is "Comparative fault" which refers to a situation where both parties are at fault. However, the responsibility is comparative, so one driver can be 30% at fault while the other is 70%.

State is a "modified comparative negligence" state NOT a no-fault. If you were 30% at-fault for an accident, you can still receive a settlement check. However, your pay for damages will be reduced by 30% since you were 30% at-fault for the accident.

How Does Jackson Can Help Me Determine Fault?

If you are bringing a lawsuit to the other driver to prove they were negligent, you have to prove the following:

- The law required the defendant be reasonably careful
- The defendant was careless
- The defendant actions or inactions caused your injuries
- You suffered losses, injury, and damages

Proving fault can be difficult on your own. Our legal team is trained and experienced in assisting clients in determining fault. We go over police reports, photos, and much more to determine who is at fault after an accident.

As with other types of accidents, there is a process in determining who was careless or "negligent." Determining who is at-fault can be easy but legally challenging. Therefore, we can

help you understand the ways to prove the negligence of the other drivers by gathering evidence and official support for your argument.

- Police reports – The police can provide information about the accident after they interview all participants and file a police report. Any mention of a traffic law violation within the report will greatly strengthen your case that the other driver was at fault.
- State traffic laws – We are experts at state and local traffic laws. We can look at State’s state traffic laws, determine the “rules of the road”, and any traffic citations to see if the other driver violated them.
- “No-doubt” liability – There are certain types of accidents which insurance companies may not bother to argue. Rear-end collisions and left-turn accidents are two examples of cases where the causer of these accidents is almost always at-fault. We can help define these “no-doubt” liability scenarios for you, so we can strengthen negotiations.
- Forensics and engineer accident reconstruction – We have access to engineers and forensics experts who can recreate scenes and determine point of contact, speed, and other crucial elements of your car accident to help determine fault.

What If I Am At Fault For An Accident?

With all car accidents, the primary concern is determining who is at-fault. Most of the time it is very clear who was negligent. However, you may be slightly at fault and this could hurt your case. At Allen and Scofield, we help clients through the process of negotiation and utilize our experience to argue on your behalf. No matter your amount of fault, we can do what is necessary to reduce the amount you owe and strengthen your position, especially in comparative fault cases.

Furthermore, it is possible to assign fault to a driver even if they were not operating the vehicle at the time of the accident. In State, you may be liable for damages in an accident in the following circumstances:

- When an employee drives the car
- When you let someone drive your car
- When your kids drive your car
- When you let an incompetent or unfit driver use your car

Lending the keys of your vehicle to a reckless driver will mean you have committed negligent entrustment, and you could be liable for any damages caused by the driver. Therefore, never allow reckless, underage, unlicensed, elderly, ill, or intoxicated individuals operate your vehicle. Additionally, in rental car situations, we can help you negotiate with lien holders.

Lastly, you can sue the owner of the vehicle as well as the driver when you are involved in a car accident. However, this process can be difficult. Thus, you’ll need a talented and dedicated legal team on your side. Contact Jackson Injury Lawyers, LLC at (555) 555-5555 today or submit the details of your accident through our online form.

