

The Road To Justice Starts Here

A Newsletter for Friends and Clients of Attorney Tracy W. Cary

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Special Workers' Compensation Edition

PLEASE NOTE that our firm has lawyers licensed to practice law in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and the District of Columbia. We focus our practice on helping people with a variety of personal injury claims including car wrecks, trucking accidents, motorcycle accidents, premises liability or slip and fall accidents, dog bite incidents, Social Security Disability claims, workers' compensation claims, product liability claims and insurance disputes. Keep us in mind if you need legal advice for any type of claim. However, I have chosen to focus this edition of the newsletter on Workers' Compensation claims.

Protect Your Rights After A Workplace Accident

- **Tell Your Boss:** If you suffer a job-related injury in Alabama, the law requires that you notify a supervisor within five (5) days of the date of your accident. The notice you give your supervisor should include specific information about what you were doing when your accident occurred. Failure to do this can result in disqualification of benefits.
- **Get Authorized Treatment:** Generally, you have to get medical treatment from doctors authorized by your employer or their insurance carrier. Failure to treat with authorized doctors can result in non-payment of the medical bills associated with the treatment. Be careful who you talk to about your situation. Not everyone is your friend.
- **Receive Workers' Compensation Benefits:** If an authorized doctor takes you out of work for long enough, you will be paid workers' compensation benefits. The amount of your benefits is subject to a cap and depends on the amount of your average weekly wage.
- **Receive a Settlement?** Maybe. Every case is different. Whether you receive a fair settlement depends on the extent of your injury and other factors that we can explain to you. The law is complicated. Let us help you understand the law. Let us protect your rights.

Can I Be Terminated After a Workplace Accident?

The law says you can't be terminated after a job-related accident if the termination is in retaliation for your pursuit of workers' compensation benefits. There are things you can do to protect your rights. Contact us if you are concerned about this.

Can I Pursue Other Claims?

Maybe. We will review your situation and advise you whether you have other claims besides a workers' compensation claim. If you do have other claims, your settlement is usually better than if you only have a workers' compensation claim.

How Much Does It Cost Me to Hire an Attorney?

It costs you nothing for our work if there is no recovery. If we help you receive a settlement, our fee is capped at 15 percent plus certain costs of litigation such as the filing fee.

Website Updated! My firm's website has been revised to add new content and make it more user friendly. Check it out! www.mcatlaw.com.



Contact Me

Contact Tracy M. Cary today for a free, no obligation consultation about your personal injury legal needs.

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Have You Been Injured At Work?

Serious workplace accidents happen all the time. Every year, 3 million American workers are hurt badly enough at work to require hospitalization. It is critical for injured workers to receive replacement wages, medical expenses, vocational benefits and other workers' compensation benefits provided by Alabama law.

Why Insurers Deny Claims?

Insurers frequently deny workers' compensation claims or undervalue them. Some of the reasons are:

- Workers File Claims Too Late
- Insurers Argue that Pre-existing Conditions, Not Workplace Accidents, Led to Injury
- When Employees Decline Medical Treatment, there is No Evidence of Injury
- Documentation Fails to Verify the Severity of the Injury

We take your family's safety and security personally. We see that your rights are protected, that you are treated fairly and that no one takes advantage of you when you face difficult circumstances.

How can you be sure if you are being treated fairly? Contact me directly if you have questions – or 1-800-638-3665.

New Book Coming Soon!

After some revisions with the editor and publisher, Tracy W. Cary's new book titled ***The Injured Worker's Survival Guide*** should be published soon. The book answers many questions about workers' compensation law and specifically addresses "Five Mistakes That Can Wreck Your Workers' Compensation Claim."