



Questions & Answers

Welcome to our Spring Question Issue. This issue is dedicated to 10 of the most common questions from clients and curious residents of Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania who contact our various offices. Many of these calls from those who are desperate and don't know where to turn. Some of these callers are being pressured by an insurance company to sign documents in an injury case. Others say their employers or an insurance carrier is forcing them back to work before they are able.

While our answers in this newsletter are not intended to provide in-depth legal advice, perhaps they can give you, a family member or friend some direction on how you should proceed.

Q. I was in a bad car accident. The insurance company is insisting I give them a recorded statement. They also want me to sign documents. What should I do?

A. You should never agree to give an insurance company a recorded statement about an accident without first consulting a lawyer. If you have been hurt, it simply does not make sense to give an insurance company that may fight your claim any assistance. The same advice goes to signing documents. Never, never sign any document from an insurance company without first consulting a lawyer. You may be signing away very important rights.

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Q. I got hurt at work. My employer is trying to get me to return to work. I just don't feel I'm able.

A. You would be shocked to learn how often we hear this complaint from injured workers. Often employers or their insurance companies will ask you nicely to return to work, or they may be forceful in their request. You have rights - but you must take steps to protect your rights. The first step toward protecting your rights is consulting attorneys who are well versed in Workers Compensation Law. For example, we have many lawyers here at Lenahan & Dempsey who have practiced Workers Compensation law for many many years. Three of our lawyers hold a designation from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as specialists in the practice of Workers' Compensation Law. The three are attorneys Brian Lenahan, Matt Dempsey and Terrence Dempsey. They and other Lenahan & Dempsey lawyers are available to help you better understand your rights.

Q. I got hurt and was offered what looked to me to be a fair settlement by the insurance company. Do I even need a lawyer?

A. Yes! The insurance companies have either large in-house law departments or use highly skilled law firms to fight claims or to try to settle claims for the lowest possible amounts. Not only do you need a lawyer, you need a lawyer dedicated to the practice of Personal Injury law on your side. Here's an example from a case handled by Attorney Timothy Lenahan. He had a client in his early 20's who was badly injured in a car accident. The insurance company offered him \$10,000. That sounded like a lot of money to a young man whose medical bills were accumulating and who found himself unable to work due to the accident. The family almost accepted the \$10,000. Timothy Lenahan consulted the young man's medical records and realized this man would most likely need life-long medical care, including numerous surgeries on his back over time. Timothy Lenahan negotiated with the insurance company and got the young man a multi-million dollar settlement that will insure his needs will be taken care of and he has one less worry in his life.

Q. I was hurt in an accident. I'm not able to work, but I enjoy being on Facebook, Twitter and other social media. Can anything I post, including photos and videos, harm my attempt to collect damages?

A. Yes. In late 2011, Attorney Kelly Lenahan wrote in our December newsletter about the care that must be taken if you are involved in a lawsuit and post on social media. You can read her thoughts by clicking here <http://www.lenahandempsey.com/files/newsletterdecember2011.pdf>

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Q. I was driving on a local highway and a big truck hit my car, causing serious injuries to my passengers and to myself. I'm told truck accident cases are complicated. Is that true?

A. Yes, truck accident cases can be highly complicated and can involve multiple defendants from multiple states and multiple insurance carriers. For example, a driver can be from one state, the truck cab licensed in another, the trailer in still another and all may have been serviced by multiple maintenance facilities. Attorney John Lenahan has written extensively about the complicated nature of truck accidents and he has represented countless people whose lives were altered by poorly trained or tired truck drivers and rigs that were badly in need of repairs. Also, following an accident involving a big truck, it's not unusual for trucking companies or their insurance companies to send out a rapid response team that will do all they can to protect the interests of the Trucking Companies - not your interests. These teams are backed by teams of lawyers and outside law firms. Get a lawyer on your side who understands trucking and transportation law as soon as possible after an accident - and certainly before you speak with or sign anything from an insurance company.

Q. If I was seriously injured and needed to sue, how much money do I need to put up to hire Lenahan & Dempsey?

A. The answer is simple - NONE. At Lenahan & Dempsey, if we take your case, we fund all of the experts needed to prove your case. These witnesses can range from doctors to highly skilled engineers and other experts. We at Lenahan & Dempsey pay for these expenses - and we don't get paid a dime unless we are successful in getting you the damages you deserve following a serious injury.

Q. My child is a special education student and is having difficulty at school. Can you help me?

A. We may be able to help. Attorneys John Lenahan and Larry Moran teamed up to work on a case where a number of special education students were said to have been abused by their teacher. Also, Attorney Matthew Dempsey has committed a great deal of his professional life to practicing education law. He's now joined in that interest by Attorney Michael Dempsey. They have been successful in assisting special education students who have been bullied or who are not having their educational needs met. As these cases are highly individualized, we urge you to contact us if you suspect your special education child has been abused, bullied, is not having the details of their IEP met or any similar issue.



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Q. Why should I hire the lawyers at Lenahan & Dempsey after a serious personal injury?

A. The answer here is very simple. As noted in one of our television commercials, Experience matters. Credentials matter. And Results matter. Lenahan & Dempsey has been protecting the rights of the injured for over 65 years. We have been honored by our peers and by judges for the quality of our work. Three of our lawyers, Attorneys John Lenahan, Joseph Lenahan and Timothy Lenahan, are listed in Best Lawyers in America. Eight of our lawyers have earned status as Pennsylvania Super Lawyers as published in Philadelphia Magazine. But it all comes down to results. Please take a moment to see just a few brief examples of the millions and millions of dollars we have recovered for our clients by clicking here <http://www.lenahandempsey.com/lawyer-attorney-1610686.html>

Q. What type of cases do you accept?

A. At Lenahan & Dempsey we focus our professional practice on helping the seriously injured as well as their families. We practice a wide variety of personal injury law, including, but not limited to the practice areas shown here <http://www.lenahandempsey.com/lawyer-attorney-1607396.html>. It is quite simply impossible for us to list every area of Personal Injury Law practiced at Lenahan & Dempsey. It's always best to give us a call to discuss the details of your case.

Q. My wife was hurt in an accident and the insurance company refuses to help us. What should we do?

A. Call us immediately. Lenahan & Dempsey was among the early practitioners in an area of the law known as Insurance Bad Faith. Attorney Timothy Lenahan won a landmark case that help define the obligations of insurance companies in Pennsylvania as well as the rights of injured people. He has written extensively on Bad Faith law and Bad Faith remains among his professional practice interests. If you are not being treated fairly by an insurance company - call our office immediately.

Contact Lenahan & Dempsey

Call us toll-free at 1-888-536-2426 (1-888-LENAHAN). The call and the consultation are of course free, and as noted above, there's never a fee unless we are successful in winning money for you or your family. To learn more about our Firm or individual lawyers, visit us at www.LenahanDempsey.com. Please know that if you or a loved one are unable to come to the closest Lenahan & Dempsey office near you, we can come to see you in your home, hospital or nursing facility.

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VERDICTS AND SETTLEMENTS*



\$ 15,000,000.00	Verdict	Medical Negligence
\$ 13,600,000.00	Settlement	Insurance Bad Faith
\$ 7,000,000.00	Settlement	Car/Truck Accident
\$ 6,775,000.00	Verdict	Motor Vehicle Collision
\$ 5,000,000.00	Settlement	Mistreatment of Disabled Children
\$ 4,601,387.00	Settlement	Insurance Bad Faith
\$ 4,500,000.00	Settlement	Work Place Injury
\$ 4,350,000.00	Settlement	Motor Vehicle Collision
\$ 3,078,825.00	Verdict	Insurance Bad Faith
\$ 2,700,000.00	Verdict	Motor Vehicle Collision
\$ 2,600,000.00	Settlement	Motor Vehicle Collision
\$ 2,520,809.00	Settlement	Motor Vehicle Collision
\$ 2,500,000.00	Verdict	Motor Vehicle Collision
\$ 1,700,000.00	Settlement	Motor Vehicle Collision
\$ 1,625,000.00	Settlement	Motor Vehicle Collision
\$ 1,600,000.00	Verdict	Medical Negligence
\$ 1,460,000.00	Settlement	Pedestrian Injury
\$ 1,350,000.00	Settlement	Pedestrian Injury
\$ 1,200,000.00	Verdict	Medical Negligence
\$ 1,130,000.00	Settlement	Work Place Injury
\$ 1,000,000.00	Settlement	Motor Vehicle Collision
\$ 1,000,000.00	Verdict	Personal Property
\$ 1,000,000.00	Settlement	Motor Vehicle Collision

* The facts of each case are different. No specific results are implied. Descriptions of awards in previous cases are no guarantee of future results and should not create any expectations that our firm, or any firm, can achieve similar results in another case.

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