

What To Do If You Are Involved In A Car or Truck Accident



We are about to enter the busiest time of the year on highways and roadways - the Summer Driving Season. With the nice weather comes more and more cars on the road as well as more big trucks on the road. This is a prime time of year for vehicle accidents.

The moments following a car or truck accident can be chaotic. However what you do in those moments can be very important to supporting a case if you have been seriously injured. While we cannot cover every possible scenario, here are a few steps you can take in many instances:

- **Don't panic.** What appears to be smoke in your car may in fact be smoke; it may also be powder from your air bag. Assume it is smoke and try to remain calm.
- **Turn off your engine.** This may help delay a possible fire. As calmly as possible, unbuckle your seat belt and get out of the car. Free yourself and then assist your passengers. Don't risk your life or your safety retrieving belongings.
- **Call 911.** Even if there are no injuries you may need police assistance and your insurance company may require a police report. If the other driver says there's no need to call 911, call anyway.

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- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Make sure you are not in danger of being hit by another car. All too often motorists are hit by other cars following an accident, especially at night or on slippery roads.
- **Collect information from the other driver.** Pennsylvania law requires you to exchange names, phone numbers and insurance information at the scene of the accident. If possible write down information that could be important such as the time of day, the weather conditions, road conditions - anything that could be a factor in the accident.
- **Don't sign anything unless it's a police issued ticket, citation or accident report.**
- **Get medical assistance.** Shock and adrenalin can mask serious injury.
- **Inform your insurance company as soon as possible.** If possible take multiple photos of the accident scene with your cell phone camera. These photos can be very important later. We urge you however to be very careful when taking the photos and do not put yourself in a position where you can be hit by another vehicle.
- **Aside from informing your insurance company DO NOT give them any statements, written or recorded.** In doing so you may be waiving very important rights.
- **Don't discuss the accident with anyone other than police.**
- **Call Lenahan & Dempsey.** There are a number of steps you may need to take to protect your rights. We can help. You can reach us toll-free at 1-888-LENAHAN (1-888-536-2426)

Lenahan & Dempsey Honored By United Way

The United Way of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties have honored Lenahan & Dempsey for their community spirit. The Firm was named a Corporate Award Winner, according to the United Way for, "...recognition of significant commitment to the people of our community through increased campaign giving."

"We are honored to have received this recognition because it honors all of our employees," said Timothy Lenahan, Managing Partner at Lenahan & Dempsey. "The award shows the commitments our lawyers, staff and our principals have to our neighbors and our community at large." Timothy Lenahan is a long time co-chair of the Lawyers Division of the United Way. In that capacity he works with other lawyers and law firms to raise funds for the United Way of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties.

The United Way serves as a central collection and administration point for money needed to fund numerous charities and community minded organizations. Money raised is spent on a variety of programs ranging from after school programs for children to programs that serve senior citizens.

"Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania has always supported and placed their trust in Lenahan & Dempsey," said Attorney Timothy Lenahan. "In turn it's our obligation to support our communities. We choose to support the United Way because in doing so we have the opportunity to support numerous outstanding organizations dedicated to helping those in need of support right here at home."

Lenahan & Dempsey is among the largest law firms in the region that protects the rights of the injured. The Firm has won hundreds of millions of dollars for seriously injured individuals or their families. Four of the Firm's lawyers, Timothy Lenahan, John R. Lenahan, Jr., Joseph Lenahan, Brian Lenahan and Matthew Dempsey are all named to the prestigious "Best Lawyers In America." Timothy Lenahan is the current Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year as named by Best Lawyers for the region that encompasses all of Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania as well as the Pocono Mountains and the Allentown/Easton/Bethlehem area. The Firm has offices throughout Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania.

About Attorney Timothy Lenahan



Attorney Timothy Lenahan

Timothy Lenahan has been named by Best Lawyers in America as their Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year. He has been honored by Best Lawyers in America each year since 2008 under two separate legal categories, Personal Injury Law and Insurance Law (Plaintiff's).

Timothy Lenahan devotes his practice exclusively to helping injured people and their families. In addition to winning the landmark Insurance Bad Faith case of *Hollock v. Erie Insurance*, he is most proud of a case where an injured young man was offered only \$10,000 to settle a case involving very serious injuries that would require life-long medical care. Timothy Lenahan negotiated a multi-million dollar settlement needed to help the young man meet the medical expenses he will incur over the course of his lifetime.

You can reach Attorney Timothy Lenahan toll-free at 1-888-LENAHAN (1-888-536-2426)

Bar Association Honors Attorney Kelly Lenahan

The Lackawanna County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division has announced that Kelly Lenahan, a personal injury attorney with Lenahan & Dempsey, has been named the recipient of the 2016 Margaret "Peggy" Gavin Award. The award is given annually to a young lawyer who, according to the Bar Association, "exemplifies service and dedication to the community, the courts and the bar association." The award was first given in 1998 to honor Attorney Margaret Gavin who passed away following a lengthy and courageous healthcare battle.

"I am honored to have been recognized by my fellow attorneys with this prestigious award," said Attorney Kelly Lenahan. "Peggy Gavin exemplified the highest standards of our profession and I am proud to accept this award that carries her name and honors her legacy."

Kelly Lenahan has been named a Rising Star by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers as published in Philadelphia Magazine. She represents the third generation of the Lenahan family to practice law at Lenahan & Dempsey.

Attorney Kelly Lenahan concentrates her practice on assisting the seriously injured.

About Attorney Kelly Lenahan



Attorney Kelly Lenahan

Kelly Lenahan is a graduate of DePaul University College of Law and Loyola University in Maryland.

Membership/Distinctions

Kelly Lenahan is admitted to practice in the following jurisdictions: Illinois Supreme Court (since 2002) Pennsylvania Supreme Court (since 2003), United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania; and United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She is also a member of the Lackawanna and Pennsylvania Bar Associations. From 2004-2006, she served as Court- appointed conflict counsel (criminal defense) in the Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas. Attorney Lenahan also serves as an elected board member of the Lackawanna Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, 2005-2008; and 2010-current.

Further, she is an active participant in accepting cases from the Lackawanna Pro Bono Association and member of Pennsylvania Association for Justice.

Areas of Interest

Kelly Lenahan concentrates her practice on assisting the seriously injured. Attorney Lenahan practices in the areas of Personal Injury, Worker's Compensation, Social Security Disability, Premises Liability, and Medical Malpractice. She also entertains interesting Criminal Cases, on occasion. Kelly Lenahan offers free consultations.

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Attorney Lawrence Moran, Sr. & Wife Kathryn Successful Chair Bishop's Annual Appeal

Attorney Lawrence Moran, Sr. has inarguably had a highly successful legal career, but one of his most successful efforts came with the help of his wife Kathryn as they Co-Chaired the most recent Bishop's Annual Appeal for Lackawanna and Wyoming Counties.

"When Kathryn and I were asked by the Diocese to take on this challenge we were excited," said Lawrence Moran, Sr. "It was a big job but one where the benefits can be so readily understood and seen right here in our own communities." The Bishop's Annual Appeal helps Catholic charities fund their mission to assist those in need.

"We certainly didn't want to let down Bishop Bambara or our church," said Kathryn Moran. "Larry and I decided if we were going to take on this challenge we would do so with all of our joint heart and soul, so we jumped in and got to work."

That hard work paid off. With the support of churches and parishioners across the region, the group surpassed their \$1.5 million goal and saw 15 of 35 parishes exceed their individual goals.

About Attorney Lawrence Moran, Sr.



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Attorney Lawrence Moran, Sr. serves as Of Counsel to Lenahan & Dempsey. He concentrates his practice on helping the seriously injured, complicated civil rights cases and on occasion, criminal cases. He is one of the few lawyers in Pennsylvania to hold certification as both a Civil and Criminal Trial Specialist from the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

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Visit us online and see what we have done for other seriously injured clients.

Call us and find out what we can do for you.

Lenahan & Dempsey Representative		LENANAHAN & DEMPSEY P.C.	
VERDICTS AND SETTLEMENTS*		ATTORNEYS AT LAW	
\$ 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	
\$ 6,000,000.00	Settlement	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	
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* 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.

At Lenahan & Dempsey, we are proud to celebrate our 16th anniversary on WNEP-TV's Ask The Legal Professional. Visit us at www.LenahanDempsey.com or at wnep.com and click on "Ask The Professional."



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