

Lenahan & Dempsey at Forefront of Insurance Bad Faith Cases



Attorney Joseph Lenahan

Insurance companies are required to treat you fairly following a serious injury, but as many injured Pennsylvanians unfortunately learn, they do not always receive fair treatment. That opens the door for a relatively new area of the law known as Insurance Bad Faith.

Attorney Timothy Lenahan of Lenahan & Dempsey is widely recognized as a leading Insurance Bad Faith lawyer representing the injured in Pennsylvania. He successfully argued a landmark case, *Hollock v Erie Insurance*, which paved the way for many bad faith claims against insurance companies to be brought in courts around the state.

Recently *The Legal Intelligencer*, a noted state wide journal for lawyers, examined the increase in Insurance Bad Faith insurance claims, and

Timothy Lenahan was sought by the publication to present the interests of those who have been injured.

“It’s a sad fact that many people are simply not treated fairly,” said Attorney Lenahan. “I’ve seen cases where severely injured people were offered very small sums, sums not nearly enough to support the medical bills they will face for the rest of their lives.”

Timothy Lenahan points to a recent case of his where an insurance company offered a severely injured young man \$10,000 to pay for what will be a lifetime of constant medical care. Despite the fact the young man had chosen the limited tort option on his insurance, Timothy Lenahan was able to negotiate a multi-million dollar settlement needed to help the injured man get the lifelong medical care he needs. “That’s an example of what can happen when someone who is injured tries to go up against a large insurance company on their own,” said Lenahan. “Insurance companies have lawyers on their side, and anyone who’s injured needs to be represented by a lawyer highly familiar with personal injury litigation and in the current insurance climate, increasingly a background in Insurance Bad Faith as well.”

In *The Legal Intelligencer*, Attorney Lenahan pointed out that many insurance companies feel it’s difficult for lawyers representing the injured to prove Bad Faith, so insurers are more willing to take these cases to trial. In the article, Timothy Lenahan pointed out when insurance companies turn their backs on injured people, “The consumer and injured party suffers in that context.”



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