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For nearly twenty years, the Law Offices of Gerard A. Fierro has been successfully serving their clients throughout Southern California and Nevada. The firm represents clients in both the U.S. District and Appellate Courts. They have recovered compensation for their clients in an excess of \$10 Million dollars and obtained numerous successful results in other cases. The firm's staff provides services in English, Spanish and Korean.

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A Plaintiff's Law Firm

Gerard A. Fierro personal injury attorneys specializes in several personal injuries including but not limited to; car accidents, motorcycle accidents, and truck accidents, medical malpractice, premises liability, slip and fall, products liability, brain injury, spinal cord injury, dog bites and attacks, construction accidents, recreational accidents and other serious personal injury liability actions.

We have the experience and expertise needed to obtain the maximum settlement or judgment for your damages.

If you have been injured in an accident, Our Personal Injury Attorney Law offices specialize in serving all types of personal injury. You

may have a number of unpaid medical bills and lost of work wages and in the future you could be facing more medical expenses and growing losses in work wages. We will help you seek recovery for these monetary damages and also seek recovery for other non-monetary damages, such as mental distress and emotional anguish, physical pain and suffering, loss of intimacy, past and future physical injury, permanent scarring and disfigurement.

Looking for a car accident attorney in Los Angeles? Our Personal Injury Attorney Law offices specialize in serving all types of personal injury and auto accident injuries including car accident attorney Los Angeles, auto accident attorney Los Angeles, motorcycle crash, trucking accident, bike accident, bicycle crash attorney Los Angeles, truck accident attorney Los Angeles, on the job accident attorney Los Angeles, motor vehicle accident Los Angeles, construction accident and other personal injury accidents.

Motor Vehicle/Auto Accident

If you or someone you love has been injured as a result of a vehicular accident, there is important information that is vital you know.

Vehicular accidents are the leading cause of injuries in the United States, each year an estimated forty million people are injured in car crashes and seventy-six thousand motorcyclists were injured. Alcohol and either speeding contributed in approximately ninety-nine percent of automotive accidents. Failure to wear a seatbelt is a factor in sixty percent of the injuries and deaths. All too often, motor vehicle accidents cause spinal cord injuries or serious head injuries, which will extremely impact the life of the victim and the lives of his or her loved ones as well.

Pedestrians are hurt or killed by cars eighty-five thousand times per year.

Who is Liable?

A driver can be held legally responsible, if that driver failed to act reasonably while operating the motor vehicle and therefore the driver has to compensate the victim for all injuries he or she causes. Failure to act reasonably is identified as someone who did not use

the level of skill and caution a reasonably and careful person would use in a similar situation.

There are laws and regulations attached to almost every decision a driver makes while operating a motor vehicle. Negligence is determined based upon whether or not that decision violates the laws and regulations.

In the state of California, if both drivers involved in a vehicular accident are partly responsible for that accident, then each are the right to collect their share of damages.

The owner of the vehicle may also be held liable, if he or she loaned their car to the person responsible for that accident.

Because driving is so heavily regulated, having laws attached to nearly every move a driver makes, the doctrine of negligence per se frequently arises in the context of car crashes. This doctrine holds that someone who violates the law, and in the process of doing so causes an injury the law was designed to prevent, is negligent, period. There is no measuring of the "ordinary care," or "reasonable person." The question of negligence is answered in the affirmative, and the discussion turns to the extent and cost of the injuries caused. By way of example, if a person is driving fifty miles per hour in a residential neighborhood with a posted speed limit of twenty-five, and that driver hits a pedestrian, the law will simply presume the driver was negligent, and therefore responsible to pay for the victim's injuries.

In California, if you and the other driver both have car damage or injuries and you both are partly responsible for the accident, you each may be able to collect part of your loss, but not all of it. How much each of you collects from the other's policy (or from each other's assets if there is no insurance) depends on the amount of your damages and on how much each of you is at fault.

It is not just the driver, however, who may be liable. If the driver borrowed the vehicle, and the owner of the vehicle had reason to know lending it to the driver was a bad idea, but did so anyway, the owner may be liable. These cases often arise when a car owner lends his or her car to someone who has been drinking alcohol. The law will hold both people responsible for your injuries, since they

both played a role in the circumstances causing harm. Other situations where an owner of a car should know better than to lend his or her vehicle to someone may include lending to someone with a known history of driving recklessly or lending to someone who is on medications that impair driving ability.

Also, if the driver, who caused the accident, and therefore your injuries, was working at the time of the accident, then the employer may be liable. This general rule holds true if the driver was acting within the scope of the employment when the accident occurred. Truckers and delivery drivers are the most straightforward examples. However, anyone who is on the clock and running a work-related errand is likely acting within the scope of employment, even if his or her job description does not include driving.

Employer may also be liable if their employee is held responsible for the accident, if that employee is operating within the capacity of their job.

What Compensation is Available?

Medical bills accrued and wages lost because of the accident are recoverable. In addition, future medical bills and future lost wages can be recovered, as long as they can be ascertained with reasonable certainty. Compensation for lost earning capacity is also available. For example, if a carpenter is injured so he or she can no longer work in the field and no longer has the possibility of becoming a foreman, then the foreman-pay may be recoverable, if the carpenter can show he or she had a likely chance of getting the promotion, until the accident occurred.

In addition, a victim of a car accident can be monetarily compensated for his or her pain and suffering, both past and future. Typically, this figure includes compensation for experiencing fear of imminent harm or death, physical pain, and loss of enjoyment of life.

Although no amount of money can make up for the loss of a loved one, if the victim of a car accident dies, California's Wrongful Death statute allows surviving family members to recover for loss of financial support, medical expenses, funeral expenses, loss of

consortium, and loss of comfort and care. If nothing else, these awards will ease the financial burden imposed on the family, and force the at-fault driver to bear some of the responsibility.

Finally, when a person acts in conscious disregard of the rights and safety of others, the law may impose what is called punitive damages. This is a sum of money paid to the injured person that is intended to punish an at-fault driver, in proper circumstances. Often, this award is far greater than the compensation for medical bills and lost wages.

How to Get That Compensation?

Because the driver, the owner, or the employer may be legally responsible to pay for your injuries, because there are several legal theories that allow monetary recovery, and because the measure of damages is often quite complicated, it is important that you contact an experienced attorney if you or a loved one has been injured in a car accident.

Also, do not speak with the other driver's insurance company about your bodily injuries. Remember, the adjuster's job is to give you as little money as possible. If you are impatient and take a quick settlement, if you later learn your injuries require future care or you have to miss more work than you expected, you will never get that money. You can simply decline to talk to the adjuster, and refer him or her to your attorney.

At the Law Offices of Gerard A. Fierro, we understand not only the potential severity of motor vehicle accident injuries, but also the severity of the impact these injuries have on the daily lives of the victim and his or her family members. Although no amount of money can truly compensate, we are experienced in assessing the wide range of effects these injuries can have. We are willing to fight for your rights and seek the maximum compensation the law will provide. If you or a loved one has suffered an injury in a car accident, call The Law Offices of Gerard A. Fierro today.

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Bike Accident & Bicycle Accident Lawyer

Four times each day, a bicyclist is killed in an accident with a motor vehicle. Fifty percent of those wrongful deaths are suffered by children under the age of sixteen. Even where the victim survives, the vast difference in weight and momentum between a bicycle and a car or truck, the resulting injuries are catastrophic, and may involve a spinal cord injury or a serious head injury. The life of the victim, as well as the lives of his or her loved ones will be forever changed.

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