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Clients For Life: Why Todd Law Aims To Be Your Family's Only Attorney

No one ever wants to hire a lawyer, since they would rather not be facing their legal problem in the first place. Whether it is a criminal charge, a divorce, or a personal injury claim, dealing with legal matters is stressful and confusing.

This is why Todd Law strives to serve each and every client as a client for life, not just as a one-time case. Five-star service, a plan tailored specifically to that individual's needs, and lending a compassionate ear are all ways that we strive to treat our clients like family.

Living and working by the mission of allowing our family helping your family has resulted in Todd Law providing legal expertise to generations of family members. Once you walk through our doors, you no longer have to worry about any future legal matter you may face.

Whether your legal matter involves a personal injury, worker's compensation, estate and

probate, criminal defense, you name it: we will be there for you.

We take pride in knowing our clients personally and even make it a point to assist them with other problems related to their case. For example, after we work to get your sentence reduced after a criminal charge, we will also work to help you expunge the conviction from your record. If you are dealing with an injury after a car accident, we will also work to help you handle the property damage to your vehicle. Since you are the most important person in our office, we listen carefully to what you say and try to accommodate your wishes. We don't represent insurance companies. We don't represent big business. We represent the little people. We represent the people just like you and wouldn't have it any other way. Our loyalty is to our clients.

Todd Law Client For Life Earl LeMaster



One of our favorite lifetime clients is Mr. Earl LeMaster, who Todd Law has had the honor of representing for more than 35 years. He was featured in a video we produced about our clients' experiences, so be sure to check it out on our YouTube channel!



"I've been working with Mr. Todd for over 35 years. He's the best one to get results!"



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Is Your Employer Giving You A Hard Time After A Work Injury? Common Excuses After Being Hurt On The Job

It takes a split second for an accident to change the course of your life. One minute you are working hard to earn a living and the next minute the whole future seems jeopardized. To make matters worse, the impact of a work injury can affect the entire family.

Besides the pain you are experiencing, the stress of unanswered questions takes its toll on your ability to eat, sleep, and function like normal. Questions like:

- **How soon will I be able to work again?**
- **Where am I going to get the money to support my family?**
- **Am I going to lose my job?**
- **How are we going to afford these medical bills?**
- **Will my insurance even cover a work injury?**
- **Is it possible to just work through the pain? I really need my paycheck.**

You may be faced with some pretty tough decisions - decisions that leave you with a pit in your stomach and the feeling that there is no right answer. Over the past four decades helping injured workers, we've heard it all. It's not uncommon for workers to be told by their employers:

"You'd better not report this injury, otherwise you'll be fired."

"You should have been more careful. Since the accident was your fault, there's nothing we can do for you."

"The company is not going to pay for your medical treatment unless you go to the company's doctors and the company's doctors ONLY."

"The company is barely scraping by as it is, so we have no money to pay workers' comp."

"Whatever the Union negotiates for you will be way better than filing a workers' compensation claim."

"You are only entitled to a few weeks of medical treatment. After that, you're on your own."

"Since we pay you under the table, we're not responsible for what happened, or your injuries."

"Here's a few hundred dollars to go to the doctor. Now we're even."

"There is no 'light duty' work for you to do while you're healing, so we have to let you go."

"If you get a lawyer or file a workers' compensation claim, we'll have no choice but to fire you."

Before accepting any of these statements from your employer, it is imperative that you

protect your legal rights and get a second opinion. Blindly agreeing to whatever they say can not only cause you a lot of pain and hassle in the short term, but you could also be ruining your chances at fair compensation later on down the road, which can have a serious ripple effect on your health and well-being.

Do yourself and your family a favor and let Todd Law give you a completely free, no-obligation consultation. We'll sit down with you and your loved one, listen to your side of the story, and come up with a game plan tailored specifically toward protecting your legal rights - and your future. Call us today at (770) 477-7878 and let our family help yours.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Tuscan Sausage Soup

Since this is such a versatile soup, feel free to swap creamy Great Northern beans for the potatoes or spinach for the chopped – both work great while keeping a similar taste!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. hot Italian sausage, casing removed
- 6 cups reduced sodium chicken stock
- 6 russet potatoes, cut into 1/2 inch cubes OR 2 cans Great Northern beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 4 cups chopped kale OR 4 cups baby spinach
- 1 cup heavy cream

DIRECTIONS

1. Warm a Dutch oven or 6-quart pot over medium-high heat.
2. Add Italian sausage. Cook, stirring occasionally and breaking up the sausage as desired, until sausage is browned and cooked through.
3. Drain the sausage drippings from the pan.

4. Return the pot to the heat and add the chicken stock, potatoes, salt, and red pepper flakes.
5. Boil until the potatoes are fork-tender, about 15 minutes. If using beans, add and boil for 5 minutes instead of 15.
6. Use a slotted spoon to remove 1 cup of potatoes OR beans from the pot and place them in a bowl. Mash the potatoes OR beans and pour them back into the pot to help thicken the soup.
7. Add the kale OR spinach and cream; stir to combine. Continue cooking the soup until the kale OR spinach is wilted and tender, about 3 minutes more.
9. Add additional salt and red pepper flakes to taste.

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Is there a topic you’d like to see covered? Tell us! Email suggestions to anneke@josephmtodd.com and we’ll not only create a video on the topic, but we will also sit down with you – for free – to provide answers to any questions you may have.



ON LOCATION IN CLAYTON COUNTY



February is the month of love, thanks to Valentine’s Day, so what a perfect photo this is to celebrate! Do you know the lady Joe is smooching in this Clayton County mural?

Hints:

1. The lady was once told, “You should be kissed and often, and by someone who knows how.”
2. Joe was definitely not the only one to kiss the green-eyed beauty; she was also smooched by her three husbands – Charles, Frank, and Rhett.

Do you know the location of the mural? Share a photo of you in front of your guess and tag us on Facebook and you could win a prize!



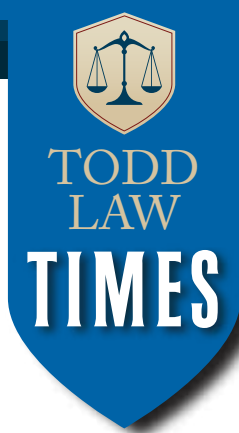


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FAQ: If My Health Insurance Paid My Medical Bills, Do I Still Need A Personal Injury Lawyer? ANSWER: YES!

Even though your medical bills may be covered by insurance after an accident, you still have the right to file a personal injury claim with the insurance company of the person who caused the accident.

The law varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, but generally speaking you still have a claim even if your health insurance paid your medical bills. In some jurisdictions, the “collateral source rule” prohibits a negligent third-party from benefiting from your health insurance company paying a claim.

Also, in some

jurisdictions your health insurer is entitled to be reimbursed out of any recovery you make from a third-party if they have the necessary “subrogation” language included in the health insurance contract. This does not preclude you from making a claim; it only obligates you to reimburse your health insurance carrier when you recover compensation for expenses they have paid arising out of your claim. But there’s also a possibility that the company will negotiate with you and accept a much lower reimbursement amount if the accident was not your fault.

Figuring out if and how much you need to pay back your health insurance company can be confusing, which is why it is very important to have the help of an experienced personal injury attorney to file the claim and negotiate on your behalf. Todd Law is always here to answer questions and we offer completely free case evaluations. Simply call our office at (770) 477-7878 to schedule an appointment with one of our attorneys.



Raving Fan of the Month

“There is a very personal touch with clients...you actually know they care about you and not just the money will be the focus.”

- Camille O'Donnell