

Special Free Report

Five Ways to Derail Your Railroad Injury Case

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Who is behind this report and why should I listen to you?

Our firm really is different.

We don't handle a lot of small car wreck cases or minor injury cases. We don't handle every case that is referred to us. We don't want to and we don't need to.

We accept a limited number of the cases we are asked to review each year. The reason we accept only a limited number of cases each year is so we can focus on the cases and clients we do accept. We believe that this results in much better settlements and verdicts for our clients.

We have dedicated 100% of our practice to handling serious injury and death cases, including handling cases for injured railroad workers.

This is all we do. We don't represent insurance companies or big business. We represent people who are hurt or the families of people who are killed.

We represent injured railroad workers and their families. We also represent the family members of railroad workers who have been killed on the job.

We are serious trial lawyers, not lawyers out for a quick settlement. The companies know this, and so do their lawyers. As a result, when we take a case, the company knows we mean business. Often, this results in settlements that are much higher, and achieved much faster, than lawyers with no experience or reputation in the railroad industry.

The five biggest mistakes injured railroad workers make

Here are five things that injured railroad workers need to avoid to prevent derailing their railroad injury case.

1. Failing to report their accident immediately.

Sometimes, your supervisor or management may try to convince you not to file an accident report immediately. THIS IS A TERRIBLE IDEA. It only hurts your case. If you are hurt on the job, you need to report your accident immediately. No exceptions, unless you are just physically unable to report the accident for some reason.

2. Thinking you are required to see company doctors

This is a myth. You are free to see your own doctors, doctors of your choosing, who are independent of the railroad and railroad union. Most good railroad accident attorneys can help coordinate an appointment for you with an independent doctor.

3. Not making a note of all witnesses to your accident

Even if it seems absolutely clear who was at fault, you still need to make a note of who witnessed your accident and how to get in contact with them. You would be amazed at how memories change over time and if the railroad puts pressure on potential witnesses.

4. Hiring the first lawyer you talk to

Some injured railroad workers feel like they need to hire the first attorney they talk to, or that they are required to hire a “union designated” railroad attorney.

This is simply not true.

Of course, you are free to hire the first lawyer you speak with or to hire a union designated railroad lawyer.

But it is probably a good idea to interview more than one law firm. It may also be a good idea to talk to both union lawyers AND non-union lawyers and see which lawyers or law firm you are more comfortable with.

Hiring the right attorney may make a HUGE difference in the amount of your settlement. Take the time to find the right attorney for your case.

5. Thinking you are required to give a statement to the railroad claims agent

You are not required to talk with the railroad claims agent or give any sort of written or recorded statement to the railroad claims agent. Remember, the agent is working and being paid by the railroad. The claims agent may try to convince you otherwise, but remember, the claims agent is not on your side.

Do you even need an attorney for your railroad injury case?

Have you seen lawyers who advertise their legal services with claims like this?

If you've been hurt in a railroad accident, call me! Quick! Immediately! You need to hire my law firm immediately and I will get you a quick settlement. It's free to call me! I care about your case!

The truth is that not all railroad injury cases or victims even need a lawyer. You definitely do not need an attorney for every small injury case. In fact, our office does not even accept cases involving minor injuries. Why not? Simple. In a small case, the attorney fees and expenses might leave you with little or nothing for you after your medical bills are paid. We don't believe that would be fair to you.

Now, on the other hand, if you have suffered a serious injury while working for the railroad, chances are that a serious, qualified, experienced railroad lawyer will be necessary for you obtain the best possible settlement in your case.

In serious cases, the railroads will have an "army" of lawyers, claims agents, doctors, and other professionals whose goal is to minimize your settlement. In these cases, you probably need a lawyer.