



FILING AN INJURY CLAIM

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FREE CONSULT
During a **free consultation**, we collect necessary information about your case.

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PRE-LITIGATION WORK UP
Most cases require a significant amount of work before filing a lawsuit. During this stage, we'll **investigate**, preserve evidence, gather medical records, interview witnesses and more. We'll also try to negotiate a settlement with the defendant.

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FILE A PETITION
If we are unable to resolve your case through pre-litigation negotiations, we may **file a lawsuit**.

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DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE
Once served, the defendant will have a short period of time to **respond** to the petition.

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DISCOVERY & MOTIONS
Discovery begins once the defendant responds. Each side will **exchange information** through written questions, requests and depositions. In addition, various motions might be filed and expert witnesses will be designated.

MEDIATION
Most courts require parties to **attempt pre-trial resolution**. This can happen at any time, but often occurs after a bulk of discovery and motions are complete.

Did the parties come to an agreement during mediation?

YES **NO**

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RESOLUTION
Receive compensation and truly begin healing after an injury.

TRIAL
If the parties cannot agree, then your Carlson Law Firm Injury Lawyer will **present your case before a judge and jury**.



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