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The Truth About Coronavirus and Maryland Law





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We all have a duty to keep ourselves, our families, our neighbors, and our communities safe right now. This means temporarily reshaping the way we live our lives to combat the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

At Cohen & Dwin, we are taking this duty seriously and are practicing the "social distancing" guidelines recommended by health officials.

During this worldwide medical crisis many of you are out of work and worrying about the next pay check. While we can't force the congress to speed up the process of giving all of us the assistance we so desperately need, Cohen & Dwin can help with your legal matters.

Pending criminal matter? We can try to speed up the process despite court closings

Injured at work? Let us guide you through the complex process.

> Auto Accident? We can handle it for you.

Insurance company giving you the run around? Don't deal with them alone.

Need a medical referral for your injury? We can arrange that.

In short, Cohen & Dwin can be of great help to you and your family during this time of crisis.

Quick Facts About Coronavirus

More and more information about the virus is coming out daily.

Please stay up to date on information and symptoms by checking the following resources:

Center for Disease Control: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html

State of Maryland: https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/

Here are some of the major symptoms of the virus:

- Respiratory Tract Infection shortness of breath
- Fever/chills
- Cough
- Flu-like symptoms
- Fatigue
- Pressure in the Chest
- Headaches
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Sore Throat

Please note that carriers of the virus may not be displaying symptoms and that you are still at risk and may be carrying the virus and not know unless you are tested.

How Can We Help You?

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Types of Cases We Handle for Maryland Families:

- Auto Accidents
- Slip and Falls
- Job Related Injuries
- Criminal Matters
- Medical Malpractice

Plus we work with a vast network of local attorneys practicing several other areas of law

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What You Need to Know About Personal Injury

Personal injury cases can be complex, but you need to ask yourself these questions:

Is someone else to blame for your injury?

Is more than one person potentially responsible?

Does your injury require ongoing treatment?

Are you missing work?

Are you experiencing emotional stress and anxiety due to your injury?

Has your life changed since your accident?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, it's possible you have a personal injury case that needs to be handled by an attorney.

Click HERE for a comprehensive guide to Personal Injury in Maryland

Facts About Workplace Injuries

When you suffer a work-related injury or illness, you have certain rights under Maryland's workers' compensation law. To ensure that all of your rights are protected, you should speak with a qualified workers' comp lawyer.

The attorney will be able to advise you on the following areas:

- Wage replacement for income lost due to missed work
- Medical treatment for your work injury
- Rehabilitative care
- Help finding another job if you can't do your original job due to your work injury
- Money if you still have any symptoms after the doctor has stopped seeing you even if you returned back to work
- Payment for mileage to and from your doctor's appointments

The workers' compensation process can seem complex to a person applying for benefits for the first time. A knowledgeable workers' compensation attorney will help you seek the compensation and benefits that you deserve for all the hard work that you have put into your job.

Click HERE for a comprehensive guide to Workplace Injuries in Maryland

Proving Fault in a Medical Malpractice Case

It is not enough to claim that you suffered some form of harm or injury during treatment by a medical professional. Several elements must be established to prove fault in a medical malpractice lawsuit:

- First, you must prove that a medical professional owed you a duty of care. In most cases, you will need expert testimony to describe the applicable standard of care in your case.
- Next, you must prove that the professional breached the applicable standard of care. Expert testimony is also needed to describe how the professional specifically breached the standard of care.
- You must also prove that the professional's breach of the standard of care was the direct cause of your injury.
- Finally, you must establish that you incurred some form of compensable damages, like additional medical expenses, lost wages, or pain and suffering.

Proving fault in a medical malpractice lawsuit is an extremely complicated task, requiring considerable knowledge of both medical principles and medical malpractice law.

Click HERE for a comprehensive guide about Medical Malpractice in Maryland

What do I do if I am Arrested in Maryland

If you are arrested for a crime in Maryland, never discuss the matter with police before you consult with a lawyer. The only information they are entitled to is your name, address and date of birth. Anything you say, good or bad, can be misinterpreted against you. Tell them that you wish to speak to a lawyer first and say nothing else.

You should exercise your right to remain silent until you have had an opportunity to consult with a Baltimore criminal defense attorney. Any statements you voluntarily give to police may end up being used against you, either as evidence in a trial or to help police in their investigation to uncover other evidence that may be used at trial.

You also have the right to an attorney and to consult with an attorney prior to answering any questions from the police. It is critical that you exercise this right. You should be allowed to contact the attorney of your choice after you are placed under arrest.

You should contact an experienced Baltimore criminal defense attorney as soon as possible. Attorneys can help you understand the criminal allegations against you, advise you on speaking to police or investigators, and launch an independent investigation into your case. An attorney will identify any errors or mistakes made in following proper policies and procedures, and will identify all possible opportunities to push to have the charges against you reduced or dismissed.

Finally, following your arrest, you should refrain from certain things as well, such as speaking about your case to others or on social media. These statements may later be used against you in a criminal prosecution. You should not tamper with, dispose of, or destroy any evidence that may be in your possession. You should also refrain from contacting any alleged victims or any witnesses in your case. Doing so may be seen as criminal witness tampering.

Click HERE for a comprehensive guide to Criminal Defense in Maryland

How You Can Get Legal Help During This Crisis

The current crisis has kept many of us practicing social distancing or remaining in isolation.

Don't let this situation stop you from exercising your legal rights. Technology is a beautiful thing and Cohen & Dwin has the ability to ensure you still have access to us.

Even though our office remains open, we are highly encouraging clients and prospective clients to contact us via phone, email or through use of Facetime and other video conferencing services. Our staff is ready and we are equipped to handle your case.

Stay Focused.

Stay Calm.

Stay Safe.

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