



Personal Injury Group: Motorcycle Accidents

There may be few things more enjoyable than riding your motorcycle on a beautiful Spring or Summer day . . . at least, until an inattentive driver pulls out in front of you! The popularity of motorcycle riding has increased in leaps and bounds - and, unfortunately, so have injuries to motorcycle riders and their passengers.

“I just didn’t see him” is what we often hear from a driver of a car or truck who pulls out in front of a motorcycle. Motorcycles tend to blend in with the roadway, and not be noticed by other drivers on the road.

Due to the lack of protective equipment, the injuries sustained by a motorcycle rider tend to be much more severe than a passenger in a car - and the medical bills much higher. Unfortunately, such injuries also tend to result in serious permanent disability.

To compound matters, motorcycle operators and their passengers are excluded from No-Fault benefits. This means that if a motorcyclist is injured while on a motorcycle, there is no insurance coverage for medical expenses or lost wages. The only persons entitled to no-fault benefits are pedestrians who have been hit by a motorcycle.

As motorcyclists are not entitled to No-Fault benefits, there is no requirement that a motorcyclist sustain a “serious injury” before seeking compensation for medical bills, lost wages and pain and suffering. Thus, it can be sometimes easier for a motorcyclist to receive a settlement for the injuries he or she sustained because of the lack of a “serious injury” threshold. If you are injured in a motorcycle accident, you should seek the services of an experienced personal injury attorney. This is vitally important if you do not have health insurance, if you have lost time from work or if your injuries are expected to be permanent.

Remember that many accidents occur because other drivers simply don’t see an oncoming motorcycle. So be safe! And if an injury does occur, be sure to contact the team of personal injury attorneys at Levene Gouldin & Thompson, LLP.

For a prompt, thorough and completely free evaluation of your case call 607-763-9200 or email us at: kwilliams@lgtlegal.com or jperticone@lgtlegal.com

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