



# CARSONCOIL

## UNDERSTANDING PERSONAL INJURY

### WHAT IS A PERSONAL INJURY CASE?

If you have been injured or have lost a loved one in an accident, you may be entitled to compensation and need an experienced personal injury attorney. At Carson & Coil, we represent clients in many types of personal injury cases. We work hard to get you the compensation you deserve.

### WHAT IS CONSIDERED A PERSONAL INJURY CASE?

- Workers' compensation
- Car accidents
- Truck accidents
- Motorcycle accidents
- Products liability
- Slip and falls
- Medical malpractice
- Nursing home abuse
- Brain injuries
- Spinal cord or nerve damage

### WHY HIRE AN ATTORNEY?

Court systems can be very intimidating and making an insurance claim can be complicated. Dealing with insurance companies is a large part of helping people who have been injured in an accident. At Carson & Coil, our attorneys' experience in personal injury law allows us to work efficiently to determine the full extent of your injuries and pursue proper compensation. We use life-care planners, economists, rehabilitation experts and accident reconstruction professionals to prepare an accurate picture of what you have experienced and what you can expect going forward. Processing workers' compensation claims can be confusing, and we can help you manage yours.

All claims are governed by a [statute of limitations](#), thus it is important to speak to a personal injury attorney **as soon as possible**. [Contact us online](#) or call **573-298-4186** today to schedule your **free** initial consultation. We charge on a contingency fee basis. So if we do not recover money for you, we do not collect attorneys' fees.

# WORKPLACE INJURIES

## **WHAT IS WORKERS' COMPENSATION?**

If you are hurt while working, you may have a claim for workers' compensation. When you are injured at work, even through no fault of your employer, you may still be entitled to workers' compensation. If your injury was caused by someone else's negligent conduct, you may have grounds for a separate claim against them, as an individual, for the harm you suffered.

## **WHAT CAN I EXPECT?**

Before agreeing to a settlement package, it is important to fully understand the nature and extent of your injury as well as the cost of medical treatment. This is why you should be fully healed or in recovery before beginning settlement discussions. The remedy provided by workers' compensation includes payment for the time you are unable to work, medical bills, and payment for any temporary or permanent disability you have suffered as a result of the incident. In some cases, we recommend an independent medical exam and vocational rehabilitation exam.

## **SPEAK TO CARSON & COIL TODAY IF YOU SUFFERED A/AN:**

- Work-related injury
- Neck or back injury
- Occupational disease
- Construction injury
- Any other on-the-job injury or illness

## **PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS**

You should not have to bear the burden of paying for medical care when you suffer a workplace injury. Disability benefits, especially for long-term disability, are vital to protecting your future if you have been seriously injured at work. We can help reduce the stress of this process by coordinating benefits from Social Security, workers' compensation and long-term disability plans.

## CAR ACCIDENTS

### **SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION, THEN CALL US IMMEDIATELY**

If you are injured and require medical care, we are here to make sure you obtain enough in compensation from the insurance company to cover the costs. Even if you were partly at fault, you may still be awarded compensation.

### **WHAT CAN I EXPECT?**

While the role of an insurance company is supposed to be covering your costs after an accident, they are businesses and want to maximize profit and minimize claim payments. They may delay or deny your payment, and they will certainly try to pay you the least they can. Carson & Coil will help you obtain all the funds you need to repair your car, make up for lost wages, pay medical bills and cover additional expenses.



# TRUCKING ACCIDENTS

## **EXPERIENCED REPRESENTATION FOR MISSOURI TRUCKING AND TRACTOR-TRAILOR ACCIDENTS**

Truck accidents are complex cases demanding prompt investigation and a thorough approach. At Carson & Coil, we know a collision with a truck usually results in severe injuries, if not fatalities. We have handled trucking accidents across Missouri and statewide, and we excel at identifying all liable parties and holding them accountable for the aftermath of their negligence.

### **WHAT CAN I EXPECT?**

Trial attorneys [Rudy Veit](#) and [Mark Ludwig](#) supervise a meticulous investigation into the cause of a truck crash, bringing in accident reconstructionists and other experts as necessary to establish negligence:

- Speeding or traffic violations
- Truck driver fatigue or distracted driving
- Poor maintenance of the 18-wheeler or truck
- Improperly secured cargo
- Negligent hiring and training

If you are contacted by the trucker's insurance company, they may offer a tempting amount of money to settle your case. Such a settlement is unlikely to cover your true losses and needs. We are confident we can secure full and fair compensation from all accountable entities including any third parties who separately own the cab or the trailer or employ the driver.

# MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

## WHAT IS A MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASE?

If you have been injured as a result of improper medical care, you may have a claim for medical malpractice against your doctor, hospital, nurse or other medical care provider.

## MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS CAN INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Failure to diagnose the risk of heart attack or stroke
- Failure to diagnose cancer in time to allow for effective treatment
- Diagnostic errors after admission to an emergency room
- Failure to order tests that would identify a medical problem
- Failure to correctly interpret test results
- Diagnosis or treatment errors due to mistakes in handling medical records
- Surgical errors involving anesthesia or postoperative care
- Injuries caused by negligent laparoscopic surgery
- Gall bladder surgery and common bile duct injuries
- Birth injuries due to negligence in the delivery room or in postnatal care
- Serious infections acquired in the hospital
- Mistakes in prescribing medicines or drugs

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

In 2005, the Missouri legislature changed the laws regarding medical malpractice suits. Our [personal injury attorneys](#) are up to date on the newest law changes and are ready to assist you in filing a claim. We work closely with experts from many medical subspecialties in order to determine whether your injuries were the result of medical malpractice.

Missouri law [limits the time](#) you have to file a claim for medical malpractice. If you believe you have been injured as a result of the negligence of a healthcare professional, it is important to speak to an experienced medical malpractice attorney immediately.

# SLIPS AND FALLS

## HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE A CASE?

Landowners have a duty to maintain their premises. They must keep the environment free of hazards that could injure others. If you have been injured as a result of a dangerous property condition, you may be entitled to compensation.

Our personal injury attorneys at Carson & Coil have experience in a wide variety of cases. Our personal injury team will be at your side to explain your rights if you have been injured in a fall. We **do not charge** for an initial consultation.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

It is important that you seek medical attention for your injuries. As soon as you have attended to your health, speak to a member of our personal injury team. Our attorneys advise people who have been hurt in slips, trips, falls and other injuries. It is important to start gathering evidence for your claim as soon as possible.



# DEFECTIVE PRODUCT INJURY

## WHAT IS A DEFECTIVE PRODUCT CASE?

Manufacturers are responsible for putting a safe product on the market and are at fault for any harm consumers may experience while using their goods, within reason. If you or a loved one were injured by a dangerous or defective product, Carson & Coil can explore and pursue your claims against the manufacturer.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

[Rudy Veit](#) and [Mark Ludwig](#) are experienced trial lawyers backed by the full resources of our firm to pursue cases against negligent manufacturers. Our firm has demonstrated liability in the form of design defects, manufacturing defects and failure to warn of likely dangers in a variety of product liability cases:

- Workplace machinery or power tools
- Automobile and tire defects
- Dangerous toys and consumer goods
- Medical equipment and surgical/medical devices
- Dangerous pharmaceuticals
- Other recalled and defective products

# NURSING HOME ABUSE

## **WAS YOUR ELDERLY LOVED ONE HARMED THROUGH NEGLIGENCE?**

The decision to place a parent or grandparent in a nursing home is based on the premise that the facility is equipped to provide care and comfort. It is shocking and offensive to learn your loved one has suffered injury or illness from substandard care or callous mistreatment.

The nursing home abuse lawyers at Carson & Coil hold nursing homes and assisted living facilities accountable for injury or death attributed to abuse, neglect or negligence of nursing home workers and professionals. Our law firm has sued elder care facilities in central Missouri and throughout the state, and we extend a free case evaluation on behalf of your loved one.

## **WHAT CAN I EXPECT?**

Nursing home injury attorneys Mark Ludwig and Rudy Veit have obtained settlements and verdicts for accidents, disablement or death resulting directly from incompetent care or abuse:

- Falling accidents (broken hip, broken arms, head injury)
- Painful and life-threatening bedsores (pressure ulcers)
- Malnourishment and dehydration
- Undiagnosed medical conditions
- Medication errors
- Physical, sexual or emotional abuse

We obtain patient records and research the hiring practices, staffing levels and backgrounds of employees. We work with doctors to ensure your loved one gets appropriate medical intervention and to determine the extent of harm. We then assemble a claim for your family member's medical care, pain and suffering, and disabilities; or for a preventable death or shortened life span.

# WRONGFUL DEATH

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

The death of a loved one is never easy, and it is only made worse if it was caused by the negligence of another. At Carson & Coil, we understand the challenges your family is facing and work to assist you through this difficult time. We have experienced attorneys who have dealt with numerous wrongful death cases waiting to obtain justice for you and your family.

Missouri law limits the time a wrongful death claim may be filed. If your loved one has passed away, it is extremely important you contact experienced counsel to assist you in filing a claim. Working throughout the state of Missouri, Carson & Coil's experienced attorneys can help you through this process. Contact us and an attorney from our personal injury team will sit down with you for **no charge** to explore your rights and legal options.

## WHY CARSON & COIL?

### **EXPERIENCED ATTORNEYS BACKED BY EXPERTS**

As one of the oldest, largest and most respected firms in Missouri, we have the resources and the background to handle even the most complex issues. As we have grown, we have never forgotten the importance of personal service. Every client and every case is important to us. We return phone calls and emails quickly, and we take the time to keep our clients informed on the developments in their case.

We hold ourselves to a standard of commitment to our clients by providing them the highest quality of representation. We work with clients to detail the extent of injury and any enduring disability or disfigurement, and we carefully calculate the impact on our clients' lives in terms of medical costs, lost earnings, pain and suffering, and reduced quality of life.

Contact us today for a **free** initial consultation, **online** or at **(573) 636-2177**.



## OUR ATTORNEYS:

**CONTACT ONE OF OUR TRUSTED PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS TODAY!**



### **MARK A. LUDWIG**

Mark Ludwig has been practicing law since 1981. In 2011, Mark and his partner Rudy recovered over \$11 million for a client who suffered an electrical injury in a workplace accident, and \$1 million for a paraplegic client over a poorly fitted wheelchair. Mark has also represented clients against General Motors, John Deere, Amtrak, the Missouri Department of Transportation, trucking companies, and major insurance companies. In 2011 and 2013, Mark was named a Missouri/Kansas “Super Lawyer” in the field of personal injury.



### **DOUGLAS W. HENNON**

Douglas Hennon earned his law degree in 1993 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and has been with Carson & Coil his entire career. He is a member of The National Trial Lawyers, Top 100 Trial Lawyers, a professional organization of America’s top trial lawyers who exemplify the superior qualifications, trial results, and leadership in their respective states. He also currently serves on the Missouri Supreme Court’s Alternative Treatment Courts Committee and the DWI Court team for Cole County.



### **JASON H. LUDWIG**

Jason Ludwig practices in a number of areas, focusing primarily on personal injury, criminal law, professional licensing, wage and hour violations, and appellate practice. He is an associate graduate of the Elwood Thomas Inn of Court, a 2013 graduate of the Leadership Jefferson City program, and a member of the Jefferson City Rotary Club. In 2016, Jason was named Top Attorney Rising Star in Missouri and Kansas.



### **BLAKE I. MARKUS**

Blake Markus practices in several areas of law including Personal Injury, Business Litigation and Construction Defect. Recognizing the amazing results he has obtained for his clients, he received the Missouri Lawyer’s Weekly Up & Coming Lawyer Award in 2014 and an award from Missouri Lawyer’s Weekly for the second largest settlement in Missouri in 2017 for a truck collision case.



### **GABE E. HARRIS**

Gabe Harris is an associate attorney at Carson & Coil, with a practice focusing primarily on personal injury, employment law, and medical malpractice. After earning two bachelor’s degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Gabe graduated cum laude from the Oklahoma City University School of Law in 2013. Following his tenure at the Attorney General’s Office, Gabe worked in private practice at another local firm in Jefferson City. He joined Carson & Coil in January 2017.