

# Typical Timeline of a Personal Injury Case

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If you or someone you love has suffered a serious injury due to someone else's negligence, you should not be held responsible for expenses related to your accident. There are unique challenges faced by each accident victim, including the cost of medical care and lost wages. An experienced attorney can help you and your family obtain the compensation you deserve. Filing a lawsuit against an individual or a company can be a long and tiring process, but an experienced attorney will be available to assist throughout the process. Contact the personal injury attorneys of The Pottenger Law Firm LLC, at 816-531-6006 to speak to a member of our legal team about your rights today. In addition to meeting with your attorney, it is helpful to understand the steps in a typical personal injury case.

## What Happens During A Personal Injury Case?

### 1. Gather Information/Investigate the Accident

When you meet with an attorney, you should provide all paperwork and documentation regarding the accident. Photos and videos are additional elements that can be helpful to your case. Once the information has been collected, your attorney will contact witnesses to obtain their recollection of the accident. In some cases, an investigator or medical expert may be called upon to review the accident and your injuries.

### 2. Review Insurance Policies

At this point, your attorney will look through your insurance policies to assess your coverage.

### 3. Determine Fault

Based on the information gathered and the investigation, your attorney will determine whether negligence was involved and if fault can be proven.

### 4. Notify Opposing Parties of Legal Representation

As the case moves forward, all contact by insurance carriers and other parties should be made through the law firm. Letters will be sent to opposing parties and insurance carriers to make them aware that you are now being represented by an attorney.

## 5. Discuss Settlement Options

Although each case is different, we work diligently with the Defendant's legal representation to negotiate a settlement that accurately reflects the severity of your injuries and all related costs – financial, emotional, and physical. However, if a reasonable settlement offer is not made, the next step would be to file a lawsuit.

## 6. Prepare for Trial

Once a lawsuit is filed, your case will go to a litigation review.

## 7. Trial

A typical trial can span over several days; the percentage of cases that go to trial vary based on the jurisdiction.

## 8. Case Closed

Once a case has been resolved through the court system and all financial transactions have been taken care of through the law firm, a case is considered to be closed. The outcome of the case depends on a variety of factors, from the number of court dockets to timeliness of medical providers and third parties.

## Contact Us

If you or someone you love has suffered a serious injury due to someone else's negligence, contact the Kansas City personal injury attorneys of **The Pottenger Law Firm, LLC**, at **816-531-6006** to begin your pursuit of justice.