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## Been In Two Auto Accidents? Use The Same Attorney For Both

Over the past several months, many clients have asked questions concerning involvement in more than one accident, especially within a relatively short period of time. The question most asked regarding this topic is whether one should have the same attorney for both (or even more than 2 cases). The answer is yes, yes, yes. Having multiple claims within a short period of time, especially if one is still open, raises many difficult questions. The attorney best able

to address all of these questions is your current attorney. He or she is in the best position to advise you as they have all the information before them concerning your 2 or more accidents and to make the difficult legal decisions regarding settlement, the filing of one or more lawsuits and the consolidation of multiple lawsuits to prevent an unfair result.

Whenever you have 2 or more claims, you will always face the problem of the responsible liability insurance companies pointing the

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## Recovering Compensation For Injuries From Dog Bites

Dogs may be man's best friend, but everyone knows the bite is worse than the bark. While there are many sayings about dogs and their owners, once a bite occurs the law too has something to say — about responsibility for the injury, and damages.

Dog bites are common — each year nearly five million Americans are bitten by dogs. Over half of all dog bite victims are children.

### Liability For Dog Bites

The old saying that "every dog gets one free bite" was once a true

statement of the law. Owners were liable for the acts of a pet only if it was known to be vicious. Before a pet bit someone, the owner could deny knowing its vicious tendencies. The old rule began changing years ago, at least for pet dogs.

Some states passed laws making owners responsible to anyone bitten by their dog whether or not it was known to be vicious. Today, most places hold dog owners responsible for damages caused when their dog bites someone. But even this simple rule has exceptions. For example, a

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# Safety Alert Automobile & Product Recalls

Here is a partial list of recently recalled autos and consumer products. For more auto recalls, call 1-800-424-9393. For more consumer product recalls, call 1-800-638-2772.

■ Chrysler Dodge Durango (2005). The fuel tank filler tube inlet check valve may be defective, allowing fuel to leak. For more information, call Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403.

■ Toyota Lexus IS (2006-2008), GS (2006-2007) and LS (2007-2008). Some of these vehicles may have a problem with fuel delivery pipes. For more information, call Toyota/Lexus at 1-800-255-3987.

■ GM Pontiac G6 (2005-2006). The brake lamps may not operate properly. For more information, call Pontiac at 1-800-620-7668.

■ Kia Amanti (2007), Kia Rondo (2007), Kia Sedona (2006-2007), Kia Sorento (2006-2007), Kia Sportage (2006-2007). The stop lamp switch may malfunction and affect the proper operation of several components, including the brake lights, shifter, electronic stability control and cruise control. For more information, call Kia at 1-800-333-4542.

■ Evenflo ExerSaucer Triple Fun stationary activity centers. Certain of these items can pose a fall hazard to young children. For more information, call Evenflo at 1-800-233-5921.

■ Playhouse Disney "Handy Manny" Toy Tool Sets. On some sets the tools contain eyes that can separate, posing a choking hazard to young children. For more information, call the Disney Store 1-866-902-2798.

■ Jardine Cribs. On certain models the wooden crib slats can break. This can create a gap, which poses an entrapment and strangulation hazard to infants and toddlers. For more information, contact Jardine at 1-800-646-4106.

■ babyGap Children's Coats. This recall involves three different children's coat styles with toggles including Rose Toggle Hoodie (style 600298), Pink Duffle Coat (style 600344), and Blue Plaid and Mojave Toggle Coat (style 600942). The coats have toggle fasteners that could break and detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. For more information, contact Gap at 1-888-747-3704.

■ Toaster Oven/Broilers imported by Haier America Trading L.L.C. and made by Lun Dar Electric Ind. Ltd., of Taiwan. Electrical connections in the toaster oven/broilers can become loose, posing electrical shock and burn hazards. For more information, contact Haier America at 1-866-927-4810.

## Been In Two Accidents?, *continued*

finger at each other not only as to the cause of injuries, but also any claim of permanent disability or injury. We, as your attorneys for both claims, can combat this with appropriate medical documentation in each file and in certain situations, can combine the claims against all liability insurance companies to avoid separate trials with the potential of juries finding for the insurance company in each case believing the other case was the cause of the injuries and claim of ongoing permanent disability.

Having another law firm handle any subsequent claim is dangerous, costly and could otherwise prejudice your rights. Always call us should you have questions concerning this important issue or any other legal issue. Of course, all consultations are free of charge as a courtesy to you, our loyal clients.



Our firm receives many new clients as a result of referrals from clients and other friends of our firm. We would like to thank everyone who refers friends and family to our firm. We appreciate the trust and confidence you show in us by making these referrals.

Thank you for recommending us when someone you know needs legal help. We welcome and continue to encourage referrals, and we will strive to provide top quality legal service to everyone you refer.

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## Important Warning About Your Automobile Insurance

**W**e understand the tough times that many of you are having because of the economy, and saving dollars is important. But one cost you have is very important: Automobile Insurance...the dollar you save today may cost you dearly in the future.

The New Jersey Supreme Court recently ruled that an innocent passenger, riding in his friend's car, will not have his non-emergency medical bills paid by the insurance company or by the New Jersey fund for uninsured drivers. You see, the passenger

did not own or drive a car and had no insurance of his own. He is then bound by the policy of the car in which he is riding. What he did not know is that the driver of the car in which he was riding bought a "dollar a day" insurance policy on her car. This is also known as the Basic Policy and the companies advertise them on TV and Radio. This is because the giant insurance companies want you to buy the cheapest policies, not the ones that may truly protect you. Why would they want to have you buy those, wouldn't they make more money if



they sold you the more expensive plans? NO!

With cheap policies, the

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### Recovering For Dog Bites, *continued*

dog's owner may not be liable for injuries the dog inflicts on a person who ignores adequate warnings that the dog is vicious and may bite.

#### What To Do If A Dog Bites You

If a dog bites you, there are several things you should do to protect your rights. Get the owner's name, address, phone number and homeowner's insurance company. Also get the name, address and phone numbers of witnesses, and make notes on when and where the incident happened and the circumstances.

See a doctor promptly, even if your injuries seem minor. A doctor will help prevent minor injuries from getting worse and also advise you if you need rabies shots.

You should call our law firm immediately to learn your rights. As noted above, in most states dog owners are liable for injuries their



dog causes unless the victim ignored warnings. In many cases, the dog owner's insurance will be the source of compensation for you.

Dog bite victims generally have the right to be compensated for several things, including medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering, and compensation for scarring.

Many dog bite victims undergo several plastic surgeries and miss a lot of work, so there is a potential that if you are bitten by a dog you will incur a large amount of medical bills and other damages. As a victim, you will want to be reimbursed for these damages.

#### Call Us For Help

Dog owners should always take care to protect others from being bitten or attacked by their pets. But everyone can reduce the risk of injuries from vicious animals by being careful. If an injury does

### Avoiding Dog Bites

Since the majority of dog bite victims are children, parents should teach children basic safety rules, including:

- Never approach unfamiliar dogs.
- Never run from a dog or scream.
- If approached by an unfamiliar dog, stay motionless.
- If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still.
- Avoid direct eye contact with a dog. This is a challenge.
- Do not pet a dog without it seeing and sniffing you first.
- Do not disturb a dog that's sleeping, eating or nursing.

occur, it is comforting to know that the dog's owner is usually responsible for the damage that is caused. We can help you recover compensation for your injuries and losses.

### Nursing Home Abuse Reminder

Over 1.5 million seniors live in nursing homes. Although they are entitled to proper care, unfortunately many of them suffer from serious abuse and neglect, including poor medical care, bad sanitation, and physical and verbal abuse.

Not receiving proper care can give rise to a legal claim. If you have a loved one in a nursing home, make sure he or she is treated right. If you think a loved one is being abused or neglected, call us. We can help stop the wrongful conduct and obtain damages for it.

### Auto Insurance Warning

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companies get to keep all the money...they don't have to pay out what they collect in premiums. And that is what happened here: the passenger is personally responsible for all of the bills from his doctors for the treatment he needed outside of the emergency room.

If you want to protect your rights; if you want to be sure you protect your family and loved ones from bad drivers and those who are driving around with no insurance at all; make sure you ask for one of our brochures on Automobile Insurance, and call us anytime so that we can help you make the right decision for you and yours.



*No one expects to be in an accident. But if you are in one, please call us to find out about your rights. We handle all types of personal injury cases, and we will fight to obtain the maximum compensation for your injuries and losses.*

*Thank you for letting us serve your legal needs.*

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