# Personal Injury FAQ

**Injured in an accident? You probably have questions.** Below are some of the most common questions we get from clients hurt in car crashes, slip and falls, dog bites, and other injury cases. Don't see your question? <u>Contact Us</u> for a free consultation.

# 1. What qualifies as a personal injury case?

A personal injury case arises when someone is hurt due to another person's negligence or wrongdoing. Common cases include:

- Car accidents
- Slip and falls
- Medical malpractice
- Dog bites
- Workplace injuries (may involve workers' comp)
- Wrongful death

#### 2. How do I know if I have a case?

If you were injured and someone else may be legally at fault—even partly—you might have a case. The best way to know for sure is to schedule a consultation with an attorney who can review the facts.

#### 3. How long do I have to file a claim in Georgia?

In most cases, **you have 2 years** from the date of the injury to file a personal injury lawsuit in Georgia (O.C.G.A. § 9-3-33). However, exceptions may apply (e.g., injuries involving government entities or minors), so don't wait to speak with an attorney.

#### 4. What compensation can I receive?

You may be entitled to compensation for:

- Medical expenses (past and future)
- Lost wages
- Pain and suffering

- Property damage
- Emotional distress
- Wrongful death damages (if you lost a loved one)

# 5. What if I was partly at fault for the accident?

Georgia follows modified comparative negligence rules. You can still recover damages as long as you were less than 50% at fault—but your compensation will be reduced by your percentage of fault.

# 6. How much is my personal injury case worth?

Every case is different. The value depends on the severity of your injuries, medical treatment needed, how the injury impacts your daily life, and whether fault is clear. We offer personalized evaluations during your consultation.

#### 7. Will I have to go to court?

Most personal injury cases **settle out of court**. However, if a fair settlement can't be reached, we are fully prepared to take your case to trial and fight for your rights in front of a judge or jury.

# 8. How much does it cost to hire a personal injury attorney?

We work on a **contingency fee basis**, which means **you pay nothing upfront**. We only get paid if we recover money for you. Our fee comes out of the settlement or court award.

# 9. What should I do after an accident?

Here are a few key steps:

- Seek medical attention immediately.
- Take photos of the scene, injuries, and property damage.
- Get contact info for witnesses and involved parties.
- Don't give a recorded statement to the other party's insurance.
- Contact a personal injury attorney as soon as possible.

# 10. How do I get started?

Getting help is easy. Call our office at (470) 394-4610 or <u>schedule a consultation</u> online. We'll review your case, answer your questions, and help you understand your next steps—at no cost to you.