

The Peterman Law Firm

Newsletter

"We honor the injured"

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By representing you now or in the past I have had the privilege of learning about the backgrounds of many of you. I would like to tell you a little about myself. I am the oldest of four boys. I was born in Miami, Florida and raised in Greenville, S.C. I obtained my B.A in Political Science from Clemson University in S.C. and my J.D. (Doctor of Law Degree) from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. I am licensed to practice law in both Alabama and North Carolina. My wife is Lynn and we have one son Todd and he lives with his wife Vauna and our two grandchildren, Derek (4) and Morgan (1) in West Virginia. Something you might not know about me is that Lynn and I rode our bicycles in the French Alps while the Tour de France was going on. We were able to ride parts of some of the same mountain stages as Lance Armstrong did. - **Russ Peterman**

Firm News— While most of our practice is devoted to injury victims we also represent individuals in traffic court. Just paying off a ticket is not always the best thing to do. A lot of times I can save you a trip to court as well as keeping your insurance rates from being raised by getting the original charges reduced or even dismissed. So, if you or a friend needs representation for a traffic ticket, call us.

Where can I find North Carolina Law, particularly statutes?

If you have access to the internet; the General Assembly's home page will provide this information for you.

(<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us>).

Workers' Compensation in N.C.

What is commonly known as "pain and suffering" is not compensable. Ongoing pain may contribute to a disability which may be compensable, but the pain itself is not.

Check out our new website:

www.petermanlawfirm.com

Social Security News: Claimants Must File Tax Returns to Get Economic Stimulus Checks:

Social Security Emergency Message EM-08021:

To receive a payment [under the economic stimulus plan], individuals must file a tax return for 2007. There are approximately 20 million Social Security beneficiaries who would not normally file a tax return for 2007, but will need to file a tax return for 2007 to receive a stimulus payment. ...

Some Mistakes that Car Wreck Victims Make

1. Giving a recorded statement to the insurance adjuster for the car that was at fault. It is amazing how a trained adjuster can lead you with his questions or ask you personal questions that he/she has no right to ask.

2. Not going to the doctor shortly after the accident. Insurance companies will argue that if you were really hurt then you would not have waited weeks or months to seek medical attention.

3. Not filing for medical payments coverage that you have on your own vehicle or the car that you were in at the time of the accident.

4. Meeting with the insurance adjuster face to face. Often the insurance adjuster will waive a check in front of you just days after the accident and have you sign a release of claims before even knowing how long it will take for injuries to heal. - *I had one client who had the adjuster waiting for him in his yard as he drove up to his house after being seen at the ER.*

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