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"My number one goal is to help others. When you step foot into our firm, you'll be treated like family, period. Whether a case is large or small, every client deserves smart, diligent and dedicated legal representation."

~ Sandy Van



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Because of the generosity of donors like yourself, **over the last twelve years we have had the resources to provide more than 313 million meals** to our hungry neighbors! You have allowed us to reach over 164,000 food-insecure individuals every month with vital, nutritious food.

Thank you again for your support during this critical time and for making a difference for our hungry neighbors. Together, we can feed everyone.



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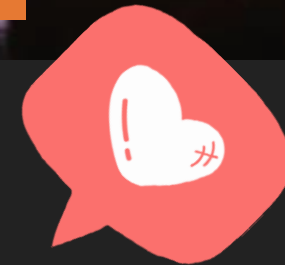
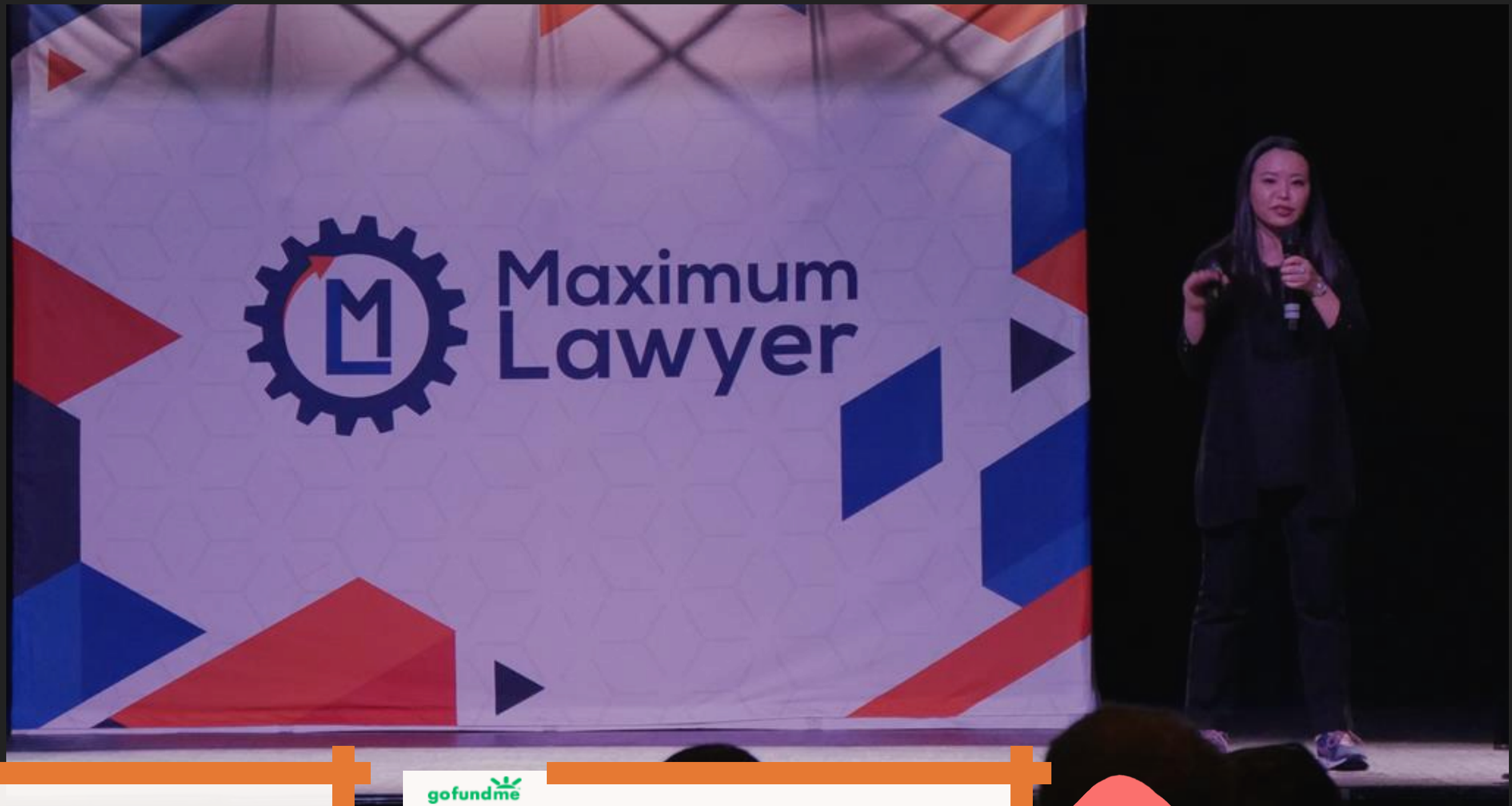
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Nevada's Premier Personal Injury Law Firm

At Van Law Firm, we have developed a reputation for successful obtaining high settlements and verdicts for Nevadans who were injured in truck, motorcycle and car accidents, slips and fall and workplace incidents. Our accident team takes a genuine interest in the well being of our clients. We go above and beyond to ensure that you are treated fairly, with compassion, and with respect. Our primary goal is to make sure you receive the compensation you need to put your life back together after a serious injury.

Sandy Van

Founder

Sandy Van focuses her practice on personal injury law, auto accidents, premise liability, slip & falls, dangerous and defective medical devices, products, and drugs, and is licensed to practice law in Nevada state and federal courts and Washington state courts. She is an alumni of William S. Boyd School of Law. While studying law, she externed for the Honorable Judge Nancy Saitta (formerly Justice Nancy Saitta of the Nevada Supreme Court) in the Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada. Following law school, she clerked for Honorable David Barker, District Court Judge, Clark County, Nevada (formerly the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada.) Prior to law school, Sandy earned a Bachelor of Science in Finance at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.



PRACTICE AREAS

LAS VEGAS ATTORNEYS

- MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
- PERSONAL INJURY
- WRONGFUL DEATH
- BAD FAITH INSURANCE CLAIM
- UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED ACCIDENTS
- PRODUCT LIABILITY



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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT



MOTOR **VEHICLE** ACCIDENT

If you were hurt in a crash on the congested roadways of Las Vegas, you need to take action right away. The phrase “what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas” doesn’t always apply to at-fault bus drivers, truckers who are desperate to get back behind the wheel, or tourists who are just passing through. Waiting to file your personal injury claim could create complications when witnesses or other motorists need to be contacted to build your case. Waiting also hurts your case when evidence is destroyed or when you do not seek medical attention right away. Give our motor vehicle accident attorneys in Las Vegas a call today and let’s get started.

WHY **WORK** WITH AN AUTO ACCIDENT **LAWYER** AT **VAN LAW FIRM**

When you retain our firm to handle your accident case, we’ll work to make things as easy as possible for you so you can concentrate on getting better. You won’t need to worry about negotiating with the insurance company on your own- we’ll take care of that on your behalf. You won’t need to collect evidence, gather statements from witnesses, or obtain medical records or police reports- we’ll take care of those things too. Our team will handle all of the paperwork, keep track of important deadlines, and we’ll even help you access the care and resources you need to support you in your recovery.

HOW WE **HELP** YOU MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR **RECOVERY**

Costs quickly add up in the aftermath of a crash. We strive to make sure that you recover money for the losses you're dealing with now, as well as those you'll likely face in the future. Before we begin negotiations with the insurance company, we'll look at your overall health and the damages your accident caused. We'll add up the medical bills, lost wages, and estimated damages for pain and suffering. But that's just the beginning.

Next, we'll look at how your injuries will impact your life in the future. If your injuries are permanent, or serious enough to require long-term medical treatment and time away from work, we'll make sure to add in those losses as well. We'll consider your loss of enjoyment of life, the loss of use of any damaged body parts, and how your disability will affect your family's future.

Once we have a ballpark figure of the damages you've truly sustained, that's when we negotiate with the insurance company or other entity that caused your accident. In some cases, more than one party may be liable for your injuries, and when that happens, we'll seek damages from them as well.

WE REPRESENT **VICTIMS** OF ALL TYPES OF **CRASHES**

Increasing congestion, heavy truck traffic, partying tourists, and fatigued tour bus drivers all play a part in accidents on Interstate 15, State Route 215, State Route 95 and other busy roads around Las Vegas and Henderson. Regardless of the type of crash you're involved in, we're here to help. Some of the more common types of motor vehicle accidents in the area include:

- CAR ACCIDENTS
- TRUCK CRASHES
- DRUNK DRIVING WRECKS
- MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS
- PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS
- BICYCLE ACCIDENTS
- BOAT ACCIDENTS
- BUS ACCIDENTS
- TAXICAB ACCIDENTS
- RIDESHARE ACCIDENTS UBER / LYFT

UNDERSTANDING NEVADA'S **COMPARATIVE** FAULT LAW IN **MOTOR** VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

In Nevada, you may be able to recover money after a crash even if you played a role in why the accident occurred. Nevada follows a modified comparative negligence system to determine liability in automobile wrecks. If you are less than 50% at fault for your accident, you can recover money from the other party. There is a twist, however. When you are determined to be partially at fault, your award will be reduced according to the percentage of the accident attributable to you. If the court decides that you are 50% or more at fault, you can't recover anything- even if your injuries are severe.

HOW THE **COURT** APPORTIONS BLAME IN AN AUTO **ACCIDENT** CASE IN NEVADA

If the court determines that you should recover money for damages, the jury will return two verdicts. The first will be a general verdict that will indicate your total damages before your allocation of fault is considered. The second verdict allocates the percentage of fault attributable to each party in the crash. Your recovery award is then reduced by the percentage of fault you are assigned. For instance, if it is determined that you suffered \$100,000 in damages, but you were 20% at fault for the crash, you will likely only be able to recover \$80,000 (80% of your total damages) from the defendant.

DON'T LEAVE **MONEY** ON THE TABLE AFTER AN **INJURY** ACCIDENT

Do not be tempted to accept low settlement offers from fast-talking insurance adjusters just to settle quickly when you're hurt in a vehicle crash. Our Las Vegas Auto injury Lawyers help you realize the true impact of your injuries, negotiate with the liable parties, and maximize the money you receive. Before you sign that check, let's talk.



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PERSONAL INJURY



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Van Law Firm in Las Vegas focuses on representing the victims of a wide variety of personal injury accidents – from motor vehicle accidents to dog bites and slip and falls. Our years of experience and considerable legal knowledge, along with our dependable and reliable service, make us a well-respected Las Vegas law firm. Several past clients have strongly endorsed Van Law Firm, and we pride ourselves on our attentive and courteous attorneys and staff.

TYPES OF PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS

At Van Law Firm, our Las Vegas personal injury lawyers handle a wide variety of personal injury cases, including

- CAR ACCIDENTS
- TRUCKING ACCIDENTS
- MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS
- ACCIDENTS INVOLVING UNINSURED/UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS
- DRUNK DRIVING ACCIDENTS
- SLIP AND FALLS
- DOG BITES
- MASS TRANSIT ACCIDENTS
- CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS

We also represent clients who have sustained several serious injuries, including brain injuries, spine injuries, and neck injuries.

NEVADA **PERSONAL INJURY** LAWS

Personal injury accidents fall into an area of law called tort law, which covers a wide range of accidents such as car accidents, trucking accidents, and slip and falls. Personal injury laws vary from state to state, but generally tort law provides that the party responsible for causing or contributing to the accident is liable for the damages, injuries, or deaths caused by the accident.

DAMAGES FOR **PERSONAL INJURY** CASES

The type and number of damages that may be awarded in a personal injury case vary depending on the type of personal injury accident involved, the degree of negligence involved, and the amount and type of injuries and damages suffered by the victim. Victims of personal injury incidents may be entitled to damages for compensatory damages and possibly punitive damages. Compensatory damages include:

- MEDICAL EXPENSES
- LOST WAGES
- PROPERTY DAMAGES
- DISFIGUREMENT
- DISABILITY
- PAIN AND SUFFERING

Punitive damages are meant to punish the negligent party for his or her wrongdoing and deter future negligent or intentional wrongdoing.



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WRONGFUL DEATH



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If someone's negligence or recklessness has taken the life of your loved one, please accept our deepest sympathy. The road to recovery is a long one with many hurdles. Van Law Firm is here to make coping a little easier. Our wrongful death attorneys Las Vegas would like to help relieve you of the financial burdens that often accompany the death of someone close. Please take a moment to speak with our team so we can help shine light on your case.

WAS YOUR LOVED ONE WRONGFULLY KILLED?

Van Law Firm has helped countless victims recover financially after loved ones in Las Vegas were killed. When you hire our firm, we'll take the time to listen to your concerns, we'll evaluate all of the details of your case, and we'll guide you through the legal system to help you meet your goals. You won't need to deal with fast-talking insurance adjusters, stacks of evidence, or important deadlines. We'll manage everything pertaining to your case so you can focus on mourning your loss your way.

We can help eligible family members of those who were killed recover money for medical bills that were accumulated before the death, lost income that the person provided for your family, lost benefits that would have been provided by the deceased, loss of companionship, funeral and burial costs, and pain and suffering endured by your loved one as a result of the injuries that caused the death. In situations where the wrongdoing was serious or malicious, we may be able to help you recover punitive damages as well.

While no amount of money can ever make up for the loss of someone you cared about, a wrongful death suit can bring financial relief and peace of mind to survivors when wrongdoers are made to pay.

SHOULD YOU FILE A **WRONGFUL DEATH** LAWSUIT?

When someone is killed because of the negligent behavior of someone else, certain surviving family members may file a wrongful death suit to recover money. Generally, it is the spouse or partner, the children, or the parents of the deceased that file a wrongful death suit.

While it is common for a wrongful death action to follow a criminal case, criminal prosecution is not necessary to recover money in a wrongful death case. In wrongful death cases, the burden of proof is lower than in a criminal case. And unlike criminal cases where the intent is solely to punish the wrongdoer, wrongful death suits are civil actions that are intended to protect the rights and well-being of a victim's family members.

Additionally, a wrongful death action does not necessarily come about because of murder- although murder is one reason these actions are brought. Wrongful death can arise out of a wide variety of situations including car accidents, encounters with defective products, hazardous chemicals, dangerous property conditions, or even medical malpractice. In a wrongful death case, the plaintiff does not need to show intent, only negligence. So even if the Clark County prosecutor decided not to pursue criminal charges, or a jury found the wrongdoer not guilty, you can still recover money in a wrongful death case.

FOUR **ELEMENTS** MUST BE PRESENT FOR A **WRONGFUL DEATH** ACTION TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

- A PERSON MUST HAVE DIED
- THE DEATH WAS CAUSED BY ANOTHER'S NEGLIGENCE OR INTENT TO CAUSE HARM
- FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE SEEKING RECOVERY MUST HAVE SUFFERED FINANCIAL HARM BECAUSE OF THE DEATH
- A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE MUST HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO HANDLE THE DECEDENT'S ESTATE



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PRODUCT LIABILITY



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HELPING PEOPLE INJURED BY DANGEROUS PRODUCTS IN LAS VEGAS

If a dangerous product caused injuries to you or someone you care about, call our Product liability attorneys Las Vegas as soon as your safety is under control. We can help you get money for medical treatment, missed time from work, disfigurement and scarring, and emotional trauma caused by the product.

Although manufacturers are responsible to ensure the products they put on the market are safe for consumers, and retailers are required to remove recalled merchandise from store shelves, sales lots, and the marketplace, concerns about their own bottom line often prevent them from fulfilling those duties. And when people are injured or killed because of dangerous or defective products, those same financial concerns keep insurers and big name manufacturing companies from paying claims.

At Van Law Firm, we're dedicated to keeping Nevadans safe. When you hire our liability lawyers team to handle your case, we'll make sure the entities that are liable for your injuries are held accountable and that they are forced to remove these hazards from the market.

UNDERSTANDING MANUFACTURER **PRODUCT** LIABILITY

Four common theories of product liability are recognized in Nevada. You may be able to rely on more than one theory when making an injury claim.

- **BREACH OF WARRANTY**

Products may have two types of warranties: express warranty and implied warranty. An express warranty is explicitly stated. An implied warranty goes without saying and can be for a particular purpose or a warranty of merchantability. If you were injured and a warranty violation took place, you may be able to recover money.

- **STRICT LIABILITY**

Under the doctrine of strict tort liability for products in Nevada, manufacturers can be held accountable for dangerous products that cause injuries even if manufacturer negligence is not applicable. To be successful, a claim for strict product liability in Nevada must show that the product was defective, the defect was present when the product left the possession of the manufacturer, it was used in a manner that was reasonably foreseeable by the defendant, and it caused damage or injury to the victim.

A shopping cart and a gavel on a wooden surface. The shopping cart is in the upper left, and the gavel is in the lower right. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface.

- **NEGLIGENCE**

Negligence can be used to hold retailers, distributors, manufacturers, and sellers responsible for the damages caused by dangerous products. To prove negligence, you must show that the defendant had a duty of care to you, the duty was breached, the breach of duty caused your injury, and that you suffered actual damages.

- **FRAUD OR INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION**

If the defendant knew of the danger and used misleading advertising, ignored the hazard, or tried to conceal it, and allowed the product to be distributed to the general public anyway, you may be able to prove intentional fraud or misrepresentation.

RECOVERING DAMAGES FOR DANGEROUS PRODUCTS

It's common for manufacturers and retailers to deny responsibility for dangerous products that cause injuries and deaths. In many cases, they will minimize injuries, claim products were misused or tampered with, or deny that the products are dangerous at all. When you're recovering from serious injuries, the last thing you need to be concerned with is trying to deal with these unscrupulous companies. Give us a call- we'll take it from here.

We understand the nuances of products liability laws in Nevada. We're experienced in negotiating fair settlements when dangerous products cause injuries, and we have the resources to prove that manufacturer defects, faulty designs, and other product hazards caused your injuries. When you hire our team, we can help you recover money for:

- MEDICAL EXPENSES
- LOST INCOMED
- PAIN AND SUFFERINGED
- WRONGFUL DEATH
- PUNITIVE DAMAGES

COMMON TYPES OF **DEFECTIVE** AND DANGEROUS PRODUCTS

Dangerous products come in all shapes and sizes and they impact the lives of Nevadans every day. Some people may encounter faulty equipment on their vehicle as they travel to work. Others might use dangerous medications, foods or other consumables. And parents might even be unknowingly handing their babies hazardous toys.

DEFECTIVE AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

Semaglutide

DEFECTIVE MEDICAL DEVICES

Bard Power Port
Bair Hugger

DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS

Roundup weed killer
Paraquat
Tepezza



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BAD FAITH INSURANCE CLAIMS



BAD FAITH **INSURANCE** CLAIMS

When insurance companies refuse to play by the rules, people like you are left to foot the bill for losses and medical treatment that should not be your responsibility. If you believe your insurer is acting in bad faith, reach out to the Van Law Firm for a free consultation. We can review your insurance policy and your case to determine whether your insurance company has adequately investigated and attempted to settle your claim in good faith.

COMMON **BAD FAITH** INSURANCE PRACTICES

There are a number of ways an insurance company can breach its duties to policyholders. And many insurers will employ unscrupulous tactics to avoid having to pay. These examples may help you identify whether your insurer may be acting in bad faith.

CLAIMS DENIALS WITHOUT **VALID** REASONS

Anytime an insurance company denies a claim, it is required to provide a reason for the denial. If your insurer denied your claim without giving you a valid reason for the denial, you may have a claim for bad faith practices.

UNREASONABLE DELAYS

Many insurance companies will delay processing claims to see if policyholders will simply give up and pay for the expenses themselves. Nevada law requires insurers to acknowledge and either accept or deny claims within a reasonable time period. In most cases, insurers are allowed up to 20 working days to acknowledge the receipt of a claim, and up to 30 working days from the date proof of loss is provided to answer. Once a claim is accepted, it must be paid within 30 days.

DAMAGES AVAILABLE IN **INSURANCE** BAD FAITH CASES

When an insurance company turns its back on you and bad faith practices cause you harm, you can recover the damages that result from the breach of contract. In addition to recovering the money the insurer should have paid out under the policy, you may be entitled to compensation for losses or injuries you incur because of their denial or delay and legal fees to enforce the policy. When a pattern of bad faith practices exists, punitive damages may also be awarded.

PROVING **INSURANCE COMPANY** BAD FAITH

There are a number of actions you can take to help us prove the insurance company acted in bad faith.

- SAVE ALL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE INSURANCE COMPANY
- DOCUMENT TELEPHONE CALLS AND IN-PERSON INTERACTION
- MAKE NOTES OF ALL ACTIVITY RELATED TO YOUR CLAIM
- SAVE DOCTOR AND HOSPITAL BILLS, PHOTOGRAPHS OF INJURIES AND DAMAGE, AND ANY OTHER RECORDS THAT COULD HELP PROVE YOUR CASE



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UNINSURED & UNDERINSURED ACCIDENTS



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Uninsured and underinsured motorists in Nevada are all too common, despite legal requirements that all drivers maintain a minimum level of insurance coverage. If you are in an auto accident of any kind, you are likely scared and confused. You may be dealing with debilitating injuries, facing mounting medical bills, and might even be unable to work as a result of your auto accident. All of these concerns can be exacerbated if the other driver did not carry adequate insurance.

Fortunately, if you have been in a motor vehicle accident with an uninsured or underinsured motorist, you may still be entitled to compensation for your injuries. The Las Vegas uninsured underinsured motorist accident lawyers at Van Law Firm will guide you through the maze of confusing insurance provisions to get you the compensation you deserve after an auto accident with an uninsured or underinsured motorist.

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NEVADA UNINSURED **MOTORIST** PROVISIONS

Many auto insurance policies also include uninsured motorist coverage which protects you in the event that you are involved in an auto accident with an uninsured motorist. In most cases, uninsured motorist coverage only covers injuries and not property damages, however. Uninsured motorist coverage will typically cover reasonable and necessary medical expenses, general damages (such as pain and suffering), and lost wages as a result of the accident.

Many times a motorist will carry some insurance but the insurance coverage will be insufficient to cover the damages associated with the accident. Under Nevada law, if you carry uninsured motorist coverage, you also have underinsurance coverage. Underinsurance coverage will apply to the difference between what the negligent driver's policy covers and the total cost of the injuries.

HOW **UNINSURED** MOTORIST PROVISIONS WORK

When you file a claim pursuant to an uninsured motorist provision, your insurance company agrees to assume the role of the at-fault party and pay on your claim for any injuries sustained in the accident.

Uninsured/underinsured motorist provisions can be difficult to understand and confusing to interpret. Moreover, your insurance company may try to provide a formulaic approach to determining compensation or may seek to pay less than the amount to which you are entitled. Accordingly, you should consult with an experienced Nevada uninsured motorist attorney like those at Van Law Firm if you have been injured in an auto accident with an uninsured or underinsured motorist.

At Van Law Firm, our Nevada motor vehicle accident attorneys have considerable legal knowledge and experience regarding all types of motor vehicle accidents, including auto accidents, trucking accidents, motorcycle accidents, drunk driving accidents, and accidents with uninsured motorists.



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