

From the Desk of Mark Blane



"Comparative Fault" in California, and How it Can Affect Your Personal Injury Case

What is "comparative fault" in California? "Comparative fault" means that if you were some percentage of fault in an event that caused you harm or injuries, your portion of fault will be "compared" to the fault of the other person or persons that contributed to your harm.

We are fortunate to live in California where "comparative fault" exists because it is the fairest way to divide up an injury case. Some states, do not have "comparative fault," but rather a concept called "contributory negligence/fault."

I am a San Diego personal injury lawyer. If you have been injured, or someone you know has been injured, because of another person making an unsafe choice, be sure to grab my [FREE California Injury Legal Survival Guides](#), which are available on my website.

I take questions on injury cases every day, and I can be reached at **619.813.7955**. With that, I hope you enjoy the video, and as always, stay strong!

—Mark

P.S. Be sure to scroll to the bottom of this newsletter for my monthly smoothie recipe—it's healthy and delicious!

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Success Story

Jury Verdict Does Justice on a Minor Impact Soft Tissue Case

This case was a three-day jury trial for a minor impact soft tissue injury. Our client was side-swiped by the defendant during a double left-hand turn. With minor damage to the vehicle, and no initial medical care, the case went to trial to recover minor strain injury care costs.

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Feature Article

Five Reasons Why You Should Hire a Motorcycle Accident Lawyer



You could suffer devastating injuries in a motorcycle crash that may require expensive medical treatments and force you to be off work for months or longer while you recover. If your accident was caused by a negligent driver, you may be entitled to compensation for your injuries under California law. Here are five ways a lawyer can help.

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Smoothie of the Month



Easy Non-Dairy Watermelon Smoothie

This easy watermelon smoothie is made with only four ingredients, but it's jam-packed with sweet-tart flavor. It is perfect with your breakfast, as a cool mid-afternoon treat, or as a healthy dessert. [Recipe courtesy of Healthy Delicious.](#)

Ingredients:

- 2 cups diced seedless watermelon
- 1 cup frozen strawberry slices
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/4 cup unsweetened coconut milk
- 2-3 ice cubes (optional)

Instructions:

- Add the watermelon, strawberries, lime juice, and coconut milk to a blender. Blend on high for 20-30 seconds.
- For a thicker smoothie, add a few ice cubes and blend until smooth.

Enjoy!

What Clients Have to Say About Working With Us

"I saw him coming at me but I couldn't stop...I was driving a scooter going through an intersection on University and 42nd Street, and a car came from the opposite direction and T-boned me. I was thrown on the ground, the scooter was thrown from under me, and I got hit in the side...it was sore for like six or seven months after the accident. So I started going to the acupuncturist, and then I started getting worried that I would not be able to afford it. There was a police report that put the other driver at fault but the insurance company was completely unwilling to work with me. Mark made it clear to me that he did not get paid unless we won the case, so that made me feel really comfortable because that was one fear I had, 'that I can't afford a lawyer.'" And when I told him everything he just said you are deserving of medical care, and I will make sure that happens. If I got a medical bill I would scan it to him, and I did not have to make any contacts with the insurance company after Mark got involved. Anything that I needed he took care of it, any question I asked, he answered it. It was super organized. All of my medical bills were taken care of, which was what I really wanted. I would certainly recommend Mark, as he was fantastic. It is a very stressful situation, you know your body hurts, and you don't want to think about all the things that you have to do, and Mark just made it easy."

- Maria Centanni

