

From the Desk of Mark Blane



How Can California Law Protect Injured Kids?

I am proud to say that California law does a terrific job in putting injury kids first when it comes to a personal injury claim. It does it in a number of ways. One the biggest ways it does this is by enforcing a court order for the settlement if the settlement amount is over a certain value. For example, any child injury settlement worth more than \$5,000.00, is automatically required to have a Court Order for the settlement to be valid. What does this mean exactly?

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The 5 Big Benefits of Having Medical Pay on Your Car Insurance

Medical Pay in California is available under your automobile insurance in California as a "voluntary add-on." This means it is not required by California law, but rather elective by you. I ALWAYS recommend a person to have medical payments under their car insurance because it is like having extra health insurance under your car insurance that will pay for medical bills that require payment right away, to help to protect your credit. Sometimes your private health plan does not pay for everything, or you have co-pays that are owed. Yes, you will get a settlement at some future point, but sometimes your medical bills need payment right away.

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Success Story

Complex Negotiations Yield \$873,000 Settlement

My client, a passenger in a work truck, was seriously injured in a 10-vehicle interstate pile up caused by the driver of a Ford F-650. EMTs transported him by ambulance to the ER, where he underwent evaluation and testing. He followed up with his workers' comp doctor, who prescribed physical therapy. My client continued to have severe pain and eventually underwent spinal surgery, followed by weeks of additional physical therapy and chiropractic care.

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Feature Article

How Litigating an Auto Collision Claim Works



If you were hurt in a car accident in California, you are entitled to compensation for your injuries if you can prove the other driver's negligence was the cause of your crash. You could need to file a lawsuit against the negligent driver if their insurance company makes a lowball settlement offer and refuses to settle for you what you deserve.

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Help for Accident Victims and Their Families



Attorney Mark C. Blane has written and published several legal help books for injured folks in California, and they're available to you for **FREE!**

These books are a great source of valuable legal information. They offer insider information on what you need to know before calling a lawyer as well as insights the insurance companies would rather keep to themselves!!!

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Smoothie of the Month



Mango Date Nondairy Smoothie

Dates add a natural sweetness to smoothies with their caramel tone, and with a pinch of allspice, this smoothie is a delicious nondairy breakfast or healthy snack. Recipe courtesy of [Blue Diamond](#).

Ingredients:

- 1 cup peeled pitted and diced ripe mango
- 3/4 cup Almond Breeze™ Hint of Honey Vanilla
- 3/4 cup Almond Breeze™ Vanilla Yogurt
- 1/4 cup chopped Blue Diamond Honey Roasted Almonds
- 4 large Medjool pitted dates
- 1 pinch allspice

Instructions:

- Blend together mango, Hint of Honey Vanilla Almondmilk, vanilla yogurt, dates, allspice and honey roasted almonds until smooth.

Enjoy!

What Clients Have to Say About Working With Us

“Mark helped me after I got into a car wreck inside of a construction zone. The construction zone turned a few lanes into one lane, and that is when I got into my accident. I needed help, and Mark was there for me. Mark is upfront and very honest. He was the one that took care of everything, and I did not have a worry in the world. And about six weeks later, I had a check... I was like wow, that is pretty fast. That is what he does, he takes the stress away.”

- Vardon R.

