

From The Desk of Mark Blane



The 3 Myths of the Police Report in Your Injury Case!

First, the police officer cannot testify at trial about what caused a particular injury producing event, whether it is a car collision, bicycle or pedestrian injury. The type of injury does not matter. The only exception to this is if the police officer actually witnessed the injury producing event, then he or she can offer their opinion as to what occurred and who is principally at fault. But think about how rare that is. In fact, I have only had a few cases in the last 21 years that involve a police officer witnessing the injury producing event.

However, a good injury lawyer can ask the police officer at trial if after speaking to all parties at the scene of a car collision, and viewing the property damage, did he or she "form an impression" in his or her mind as to what occurred? This question is not asking for fault, but is skims real close to it. Beyond that, a good injury lawyer can certainly ask questions about what statements were said to the officer. Such questions go to what the police officer "saw, heard and wrote down." Those are allowable questions.

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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

Man Gets \$300,000 Policy Limit From Rear-End Accident

Our client was injured in a rear-end accident in San Diego, leaving him with the need for nerve ablation therapy and lumbar surgery. After the insurance agency tried to sell cheap, we were able to work to get him his insurance policy limit.

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Feature Article



The Serious Consequences of Head-On Collisions

One of the most dangerous auto crashes you or someone you love can experience is a head-on crash. A head-on collision is one where the front ends of two motor vehicles collide. Even if airbags deploy, the force of the impact is similar to smashing into a massive immovable object, like a brick wall. Because of the greater force of impact, victims often suffer devastating injuries that cause long-term pain or disabilities.

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SMOOTHIE OF THE MONTH



Watermelon Smoothie

This 3-ingredient watermelon smoothie is juicy and lightly sweet, with frozen strawberries and banana. It's a unique smoothie idea that's ultra refreshing! Recipe courtesy of [A Couple Cooks](#).

Ingredients:

- 3 cups cubed watermelon
- 10 ounces (2 heaping cups) frozen strawberries
- 1 banana, either frozen in slices or at room temperature

Instructions:

- Chop the watermelon.
- Place all ingredients in a blender, and blend until smooth and creamy.
- Serve immediately.

Enjoy!

What Clients Have to Say About Working With Us

John Waldheim

"After a bad accident on a California freeway, a driver was texting and not paying attention, he plowed into us as we were fully stopped in traffic. Both my wife and I sustained injuries that took every bit of 6 months to heal up from. When we contacted Mark, he immediately acted and put us at ease. Mark Blane immediately organized the treatments and coordinated all of the communication with the doctors and the other insurance company. We were able to focus on our health rather than fighting with the insurance companies who were rude and pushing to settle immediately. The process was long, but Mark made sure we got all of the medical care we needed. He fought for us and in the end was successful in getting all of the medical requirements taken care of. Best of the best experience. Hopefully this never happens again. But if it does, I will definitely use the Law Offices of Mark Blane."

