Personal Injury

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Overview

The phone call from an insurance adjuster often comes before the pain has fully set in. That call is not a courtesy. It is the opening move in a process designed to minimize what you receive, not to compensate you fairly. If you have been injured because of someone else's negligence, the decisions you make in the first days and weeks after an accident will shape the outcome of your claim more than almost anything else. Cohen Cleary represents injured individuals and families in personal injury claims across Massachusetts and Rhode Island, fighting for full compensation for medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, and other damages caused by negligence. We handle these cases on a contingency fee basis, which means you pay no attorney fees unless we recover compensation on your behalf. Whether your injury resulted from a car accident, a fall on dangerous property, or a defective product, early legal guidance protects both your health and your claim.

What Types of Injuries Do We Handle?

Cohen Cleary's personal injury practice covers a broad range of accident and negligence claims, each requiring a distinct legal strategy and a thorough understanding of the applicable liability framework.

Automobile Accidents

From rear-end collisions to multi-vehicle crashes, car accident claims in Massachusetts involve the state's no-fault insurance system, Personal Injury Protection thresholds, and often disputed questions of comparative negligence.

Dog Bites

Massachusetts imposes strict liability on dog owners under M.G.L. c. 140, § 155. The victim does not need to prove the owner knew the dog was dangerous.

Equine Injuries

Horse-related accidents involve specialized liability statutes and questions about stable owner duties, equipment maintenance, and the limits of liability waivers.

Motorcycle Accidents

Motorcyclists face unique challenges, including bias from insurers, more severe injuries, and different insurance coverage structures than standard auto claims.

Products Liability

Defective product claims target manufacturers, distributors, and retailers under theories of strict liability, design defect, and failure to warn.

Slip and Fall Accidents

Premises liability claims, such as slip and fall accidents, require proof that a property owner

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knew or should have known about a dangerous condition and failed to address it.

How We Help by Building Claims That Withstand Scrutiny

We tell our clients that the value of a personal injury claim is determined long before anyone steps into a courtroom. It is built through early evidence preservation, thorough medical documentation, and a litigation strategy that accounts for every category of loss.

Our attorneys begin by securing the evidence that insurance companies hope you will not preserve: accident scene photographs, surveillance footage, witness statements, medical records from the date of injury forward, and documentation of lost income. We work with medical professionals to establish the full scope of your injuries, including conditions that may not manifest for weeks after the initial trauma.

We then build your claim around the full range of damages Massachusetts law allows: past and future medical expenses, lost wages and diminished earning capacity, pain and suffering, emotional distress, and loss of consortium. Insurance adjusters are trained to undervalue claims by focusing only on current medical bills. Our approach forces a reckoning with the complete picture.

Cohen Cleary is not a settlement mill. Every case is prepared as though it will go to trial, because that preparation is what produces fair settlements. Insurance carriers evaluate claims differently when they know the negligence attorney on the other side has the resources, the preparation, and the willingness to try the case if negotiations fail.

Why Choose Cohen Cleary

At Cohen Cleary, our practice teams combine deep subject-matter experience with disciplined execution and responsive client service. We do not take a one-size-fits-all approach. Every matter is handled with careful preparation, clear communication, and a strategy tailored to the client's goals and the realities of the forum.

Clients choose Cohen Cleary because we deliver:

Practice-Focused Legal Experience

Our attorneys work in defined practice areas, allowing us to develop practical insight into the legal, procedural, and regulatory nuances that matter most in each case. This focus allows us to anticipate issues, avoid unnecessary delays, and position matters for efficient resolution.

Clear Guidance and Proactive Communication

We prioritize clarity at every stage. Clients receive straightforward explanations of their options, timely updates on developments, and practical advice grounded in real-world outcomes.

Strategic Advocacy with Trial Readiness

Whether a matter calls for negotiation, mediation, or litigation, our attorneys prepare every case with discipline and foresight. We pursue efficient resolution when possible and are fully prepared to advocate aggressively when necessary to protect our clients' interests.

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Regional Knowledge and Local Presence

With offices throughout Massachusetts and experience across New England courts and agencies, we bring local insight and regional reach to every matter.

Client-Centered Service

We treat every matter with urgency and respect. Our clients rely on us for responsive service, sound judgment, and steady counsel through complex legal challenges.

In our Personal Injury work, this approach helps clients navigate the claims process with clarity, efficiency, and confidence.

Our Approach to Personal Injury Claims

Many accident victims believe that a serious injury automatically means a large settlement. It does not. Injury compensation depends on the strength of the evidence, the thoroughness of medical documentation, and the willingness to litigate when an insurer refuses to pay what the claim is worth. Our approach is built on a simple principle: never let an insurance company define the value of your claim before the full extent of your injuries is known. We control the timeline, document every loss, and negotiate from a position of thorough preparation.

Serving Personal Injury Victims Throughout New England

Cohen Cleary's personal injury attorneys serve clients from offices in Taunton and Plymouth, Massachusetts. As an injury lawyer in Taunton and throughout Bristol County, our attorneys regularly appear in Bristol County Superior Court, Plymouth County courts, Norfolk County, and district courts across southeastern Massachusetts. This consistent local presence gives us practical familiarity with filing procedures, case management expectations, and the pace of litigation in these forums. We also represent accident victims throughout Rhode Island, with the capacity to serve injured clients across New England.

Take the Next Step With Guidance From a Massachusetts Personal Injury Attorney

If you have been injured in an accident, contact our personal injury attorneys in Plymouth, Taunton, or Quincy for a consultation. We will evaluate your claim, explain your options, and outline a strategy for pursuing the compensation you are owed. If you are searching for an accident attorney near me, call our offices or reach us through our online intake form.

Frequently Asked Questions About Personal Injury Law

How much does it cost to hire a personal injury attorney at Cohen Cleary?

We handle personal injury cases on a contingency fee basis. You pay no attorney fees upfront and owe nothing unless we recover compensation for you. This structure ensures that legal representation is accessible regardless of your financial situation, and it aligns our interests directly with yours.

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How long do I have to file a personal injury claim in Massachusetts?

Massachusetts generally imposes a three-year statute of limitations for personal injury claims, measured from the date of the injury. However, certain circumstances can shorten or extend that deadline. Waiting too long also means critical evidence may be lost. Speaking with an attorney early protects both your legal rights and the strength of your claim.

What types of compensation can I recover in a personal injury case?

Massachusetts law allows recovery for medical expenses (past and future), lost wages, diminished earning capacity, pain and suffering, emotional distress, and loss of consortium. The specific damages available depend on the nature and severity of your injuries and the circumstances of the accident.

Should I accept the insurance company's first settlement offer?

Almost never. Insurance adjusters contact injury victims quickly for a reason. Early settlement offers are designed to close the file before the full extent of your injuries is known, and they rarely reflect the true value of a fully developed claim. Soft tissue injuries can take weeks to manifest, and future treatment needs are almost always excluded from initial offers. Let your accident claim lawyer evaluate the offer before you respond.

What if I was partially at fault for my accident?

Massachusetts follows a modified comparative negligence rule. You can still recover damages as long as you were not more than 50% at fault, but your recovery will be reduced by your percentage of fault. Insurance companies frequently exaggerate a victim's share of responsibility to reduce payouts, which is why thorough investigation and evidence preservation matter from the outset.

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