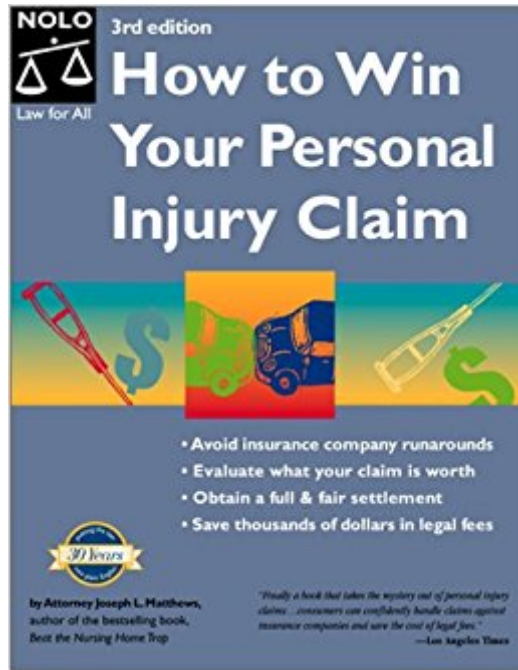


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Armed with the right information, you can handle your own personal injury claim -- and save hundreds or thousands of dollars in the process. *How to Win Your Personal Injury Claim* shows you how to handle almost every accident situation, and guides you through the insurance-claim process, step by step. Learn how to: * protect your rights after an accident * evaluate what your claim is worth * handle a property-damage claim * deal with uncooperative lawyers, insurance companies and doctors * avoid insurance company run-arounds * obtain a full and fair settlement * save for yourself what you would have paid an attorney * stay on top of your case if you decide to hire an attorney

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The industries that are supposed to help people when they are injured actually make receiving compensation more difficult, asserts the author, who is a lawyer. According to Matthews, the health, insurance, and legal communities, more concerned with profit than genuine assistance, make the essentially simple claim process long and confusing. His book sets out to help individuals cut through the red tape when filing and pursuing a personal injury claim. It clearly and thoroughly outlines the basic principles of liability, insurance coverage, the valuation of the claim, negotiating, and finalizing a settlement. The inclusion of tips on state-by-state variations in time limits on filing

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Best! Wish I'd had it even earlier and I would have got the doctors to document things better, but I was able to back track and get them to say things in a way to increase the value of my case even later. This book raised the value of my claim from \$10000 to \$180000 and spared me a lawyer. The insurance company respected my demands and timeframe and realized I was saving them attorney costs. I said in plain language everything an attorney would have said. I stayed one step ahead of them when I knew how they thought. The insurance company will respect your words if they were documented by a doctor, more than if they come directly from your mouth. If you still can't do it yourself, or if you have no access to proactive efficient doctors who can write legal reports and take a lien on your case instead of demanding money up front, then get an attorney the first day. Submitting your information to Nolo will bring you immediate top attorney responses. Remember to use the NOLO website in addition to this book. This book is invaluable. Better than others I read on the subject, and it contains information I could not find for free online. If you don't believe me, or don't want to spend the \$20, then use the feature of browsing the inside of the book. You will get 60% of the ideas for free.

I highly recommend this book! I sustained injuries in a car accident. I had no knowledge or experience dealing with insurance claims. I was concerned about dealing with the insurance adjuster, feeling like an amateur competing against a seasoned professional. I bought this book a few weeks after the accident. It was EXTREMELY helpful in understanding the "system" - general background, role of each player, process, typical timeline, examples, suggestions of "good ideas vs bad ideas," etc. This book pointed out a number of traps to avoid and saved me from just going

along with what SEEMED like reasonable suggestions from the insurance adjuster. After 3 months, I hired an attorney, realizing from this book that I could not handle the situation on my own. My only regret is that I did not find this book the day after the accident. It would have saved me some sleepless nights.

I was really glad to get this book shortly after I was in an accident. It gave me a really good picture of a personal injury claim: what it is (and is not), what would be a fair amount to expect for my injuries, and how to communicate with the insurance company. Actually, I wish I'd had it to review BEFORE my first phone conversations with the insurance company, as it gives some good advice for those crucial first conversations.

WANT TO TEACH THE INSURANCE COMPANY TO TAKE YOUR CLAIM SERIOUSLY? As a personal injury claims adjuster for over fifteen years I can tell you that if you are serious about wanting to win your personal injury lawsuit this is the book to start with. However you can't just thumb through it casually. You need to read it regularly throughout the various stages of the lawsuit. It puts you on a level far above most beginners, amateur lawyers, and pro per litigants. Remember the lawsuit is a battle. This book shows you how to attack, and also how to defend against attacks from the opposition. Well worth the small price of the book.

I have a pending auto accident-injury claim that will close out when the statute of limitation is reached. I want to be as knowledgeable as possible when it's time for me to file the lawsuit. Ordinarily one would think that the insurance companies representing the parties will act in good faith since their insured were found at fault. Unfortunately that's not the case and I have an injury from the accident going on two years and it looks like I have no choice but to take the insured to court. It's good to know there are handy legal resources out there that can guide one in this direction since it can get costly getting attorney consultation or in my case, have an attorney become inept in getting your case on track and begin dialogue for settlement.

One teensy, tiny little drawback. I guess this might work IF a property owner wants to disclose his/her insurance company (which appears to be vital for the whole process to work). Otherwise, they just ignore you and you end up having to file a lawsuit anyway. The author fails to offer a solution for this. Good luck trying to find out the name of the insurance company or getting in touch with a Claims Adjuster for the property owner. For a personal injury claim involving commercial

property, you might want to save your money and put it toward an attorney.

I was rear-ended in 2010 just 18 days after I purchased a brand new car. This car immediately lost its value and I was injured in the crash. I could have hired an attorney to settle my claim, but I first wanted to see what it might be worth and how the system worked. This book was extremely helpful. I was able to successfully resolve the property damage claim for a reasonable amount and the bodily injury claim as well all without hiring an attorney. The book has a lot of good advice and sample letters to assist in writing claims and what to do to negotiate or further pursue the claim after the first few settlement offers. This book, along with a lot of patience, was very helpful in my settling my own claim. I'm very glad I purchased it.

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