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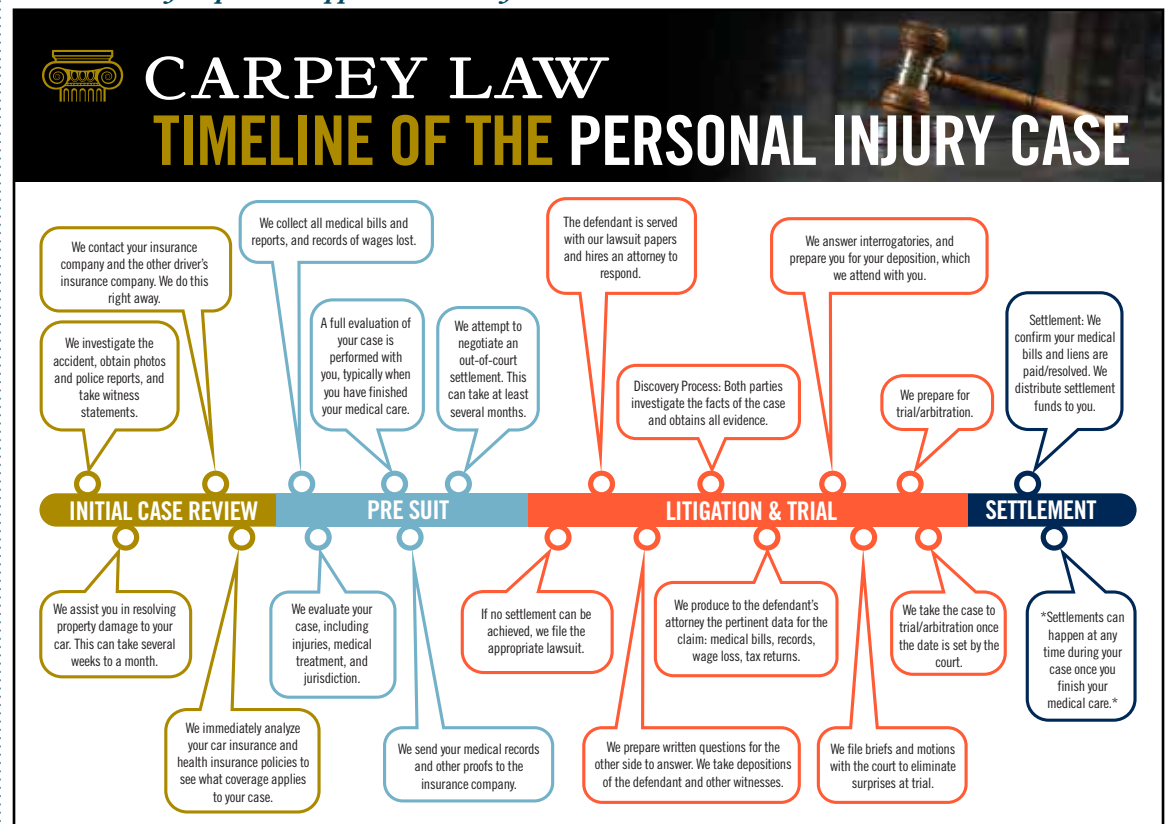
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## A Deeper Look Into The Process of the Personal Injury Case

One of the first questions that many callers and clients ask when they contact Carpey Law is "What is the personal injury process and how long will it take to resolve my case?" Although it is impossible to tell a client how long it will take to resolve their case at the beginning of their case, we can help to educate our clients and consumers in general on the different steps involved in the personal injury case. Below is a timeline of the typical personal injury case.

Note: Not every step will be applicable in every case.



### STAGE 1: Initial Case Review

- We investigate the accident, obtain photos and police reports, and take witness statements.
- If a vehicle accident, we would contact your insurance and the other driver's insurance right away and assist you in resolving damage to your car. This can take several weeks to a month.

- We immediately analyze your car insurance and health insurance policies to see what coverage applies to your case.

### STAGE 2: Pre-Suit

- We evaluate your case, including injuries, medical treatment, and jurisdiction. At this time, we collect all

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LAURA CARPEY'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

# Mushroom Barley Soup with Mini Meatballs

**INGREDIENTS**

- 4 C beef stock or low-sodium broth
- 1 C water
- 1/2 C pearled barley
- 1 large thyme sprig
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 T extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 lb. mixed wild and cultivated mushrooms, stemmed and thinly sliced (or 3/4 lb pre sliced mushrooms)
- 1 lg. shallot, finely chopped
- 1/2 lb. ground sirloin
- 1 lg. egg
- 2 T dry bread crumbs
- 2 T freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

- 2 T chopped flat-leaf parsley
- Sour cream, for serving (optional)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. In a large saucepan, combine the stock, water, barley and thyme. Season with salt and pepper and bring to a boil. Cover and cook over low heat until the barley is nearly tender, about 18 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large nonstick skillet, heat the oil. Add the mushrooms and shallot, season with salt and pepper and cook over high heat until tender and browned, about 8 minutes.
3. In a medium bowl, combine the sirloin, egg, bread crumbs, cheese, 1/2 tsp of salt and 1/4 tsp of pepper. Knead the mixture until blended, then roll it into sixteen 1-inch balls.



*Credit: Food and Wine*

4. Add the meatballs and mushrooms to the soup and simmer over moderate heat until the meatballs are cooked through and the barley is tender, about 8 minutes. Discard the thyme. Stir the parsley into the soup and serve in bowls with sour cream.

## Thank You For Your... Referrals

LAST MONTH, A PRIOR CLIENT, EDDIE W., REFERRED HIS WIFE TO US WHO HAD RECENTLY BEEN INVOLVED IN A CAR ACCIDENT. HIS WIFE WAS INJURED, SO NATURALLY, HE WANTED TO ENSURE THAT SHE WOULD GET THE BEST REPRESENTATION FOR HER ACCIDENT CASE. EDDIE KNEW JUST WHAT TO DO— CONTACT STUART CARPEY. WHEN HE DID, HE RELAYED TO OUR OFFICE, “STUART CARPEY IS LIKE FAMILY. WE GO WAY BACK, AND WE WOULDN’T GO ANYWHERE ELSE.”

THE BEST COMPLIMENT WE CAN RECEIVE IS WHEN A CURRENT OR PAST CLIENT REFERS US THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS BECAUSE THEY TRUST THAT CARPEY LAW WILL HANDLE THEIR CASE WITH THE UTMOST CARE AND ATTENTION. THANK YOU, EDDIE, FOR TRUSTING US TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR WIFE.

## Stuart's TRIVIA GAME

**Question:** “How do you prove that an accident caused your injury?”

**Answer:** In order to prove injuries related to a personal injury claim, not only do you have to prove that a negligent act caused your injuries but you must also prove that you suffered a real injury as a result of someone else’s negligence. The only way to do this is through medical documentation. It is extremely important that injury victims follow up with their family doctor or another doctor after an accident and closely follow the treatment regimen recommended by the doctor. Without proper medical documentation from your doctors, you will lack the evidence needed in order to prove your personal injury claim.

## REMINDER ABOUT OUR FIRM’S COMMUNICATION POLICY

**About us:** We perform very high quality legal work. We are highly competent and we have a highly competent support staff, but we are not perfect. We can make mistakes. We will correct a mistake if we find it or if you point it out.

It is our policy to return phone calls in the order they are received and based on the priority of the

situation. If you leave a message, your call will be returned usually within 24 hours. Some clients feel that calling multiple times in a day will get their call answered faster, but that is not the case. Email is the quickest way to get a response from anyone in the office.

We work by appointment only. Without an

appointment, it is unlikely Mr. Carpey would be able to meet with you.

Please utilize our support staff to answer your questions and to give you status reports. Our legal assistants and paralegals are very experienced and will often be able to respond to your requests.



# PET HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Are you dressing up your adorable cat, loving pup, turtle, bird or other pet in a Halloween costume this year? If so, **enter them into our Pet Halloween Costume Contest for a chance to win a \$20 gift card to Target!** All you have to do is upload a picture of your pet in their Halloween costume to the Carpey Law Facebook page! Don't forget to tell us your pet's name! *(Look for the Pet Halloween Costume Contest Post on the Carpey Law Facebook Page, posted on October 1, 2017, and leave your photos and pet names in the comments section!)*

**Deadline to enter the contest is October 31, 2016. The winner will be announced on Facebook. We will contact you through Facebook if you win for an address to mail your gift card to.**



## Lessons From Taylor Swift Sexual Assault Case



Those of you who have followed the Taylor Swift sexual assault case were probably not surprised with how quickly the verdict came in. There were multiple reasons for why the jury of six women and two men returned a verdict in favor of Swift within just hours, but one of the main lessons to be learned from the case is:

### CREDIBILITY IS KEY.

The background of the case was a Denver radio host initiated a lawsuit against Swift, claiming that he was "defamed" by her, relating to an earlier incident involving a claim Swift made that the radio host had groped her under her skirt during a photo shoot.

Regardless of your opinion of her music, Swift has not been known to make false sexual harassment claims or to favor litigation as opposed to private resolution. In response to

the lawsuit, Swift counter-sued for sexual harassment, seeking damages in the amount of \$1. It was clear that her motivation was not money. In addition to not having monetary motivations, Swift bolstered her credibility by being able to produce key evidence that supported her claim, such as testimony from her mother and photographer, with whom Swift discussed the incident shortly after it happened. She also had photos from the photo shoot which also supported her claim.

In contrast, the Denver radio host provided shifting explanations and failed to provide sufficient proof of his claims. For instance, he claimed to have spilled coffee on a computer containing "secret" recordings of a conversation he had with his employer about Swift's accusations.

Swift was thoroughly prepared, rock solid in her testimony and didn't waiver. **The lesson to be learned for anyone testifying as a party or a witness at a deposition or at trial is if you know the answer, say it, stick up for yourself and don't be swayed.** This radio host thought he could win a defamation case against Taylor Swift. Maybe he thought she would buckle as soon as he filed suit. He clearly underestimated the power of Swift's credibility.

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- medical bills and reports, and records of wages lost.
- We will then send your medical records and other proofs to the insurance company.
- We attempt to negotiate an out-of-court settlement. This can take at least several months.

### STAGE 3: Litigation & Trial

- If no settlement can be achieved, we file the appropriate lawsuit.
- The defendant is served with our lawsuit papers and hires an attorney to respond.
- We prepare written questions for the other side to answer. We take the deposition of the defendant and other witnesses.
- Discovery Phase: Both parties investigate the facts of the case and obtain all evidence
- We produce to the defendant's attorney the pertinent data for the claim: medical bills, records, wage loss, tax returns.
- We answer interrogatories and prepare you for your deposition, which we attend with you.
- We prepare and take the case to trial/arbitration once the date is set by the court.

### STAGE 4: Settlement/Resolution of Your Case

- We confirm your medical bills and liens are paid/resolved. We distribute settlement funds to you.
- \*Settlements can happen at any time during your case once you finish your medical care\*

If you've sustained injuries from an accident, whether it was a car accident, slip and fall, pedestrian accident, medical malpractice, etc., contact attorney Stuart Carpey. If he can't help you himself, he'll get you to someone who can.

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Call me with any legal questions about injuries from any accident or medical care.

I promise to give you a straight forward answer.

That's my guarantee.  
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### Client *Testimonial (and Selfie!)* of the Month!

When a client asks to take a selfie with his lawyer and legal assistant, you know you did something right...

Here's what our client, Jamel, had to say about his experience with Carpey Law:

**"My process with Carpey Law has been 100% the best experience I have ever had to experience. Mr. Carpey was very efficient and he was very quick as well. I would 2000% recommend his practice to all of my friends. He is honestly one of the best if not the best in the business."** – *Jamel L.*

Jamel came into our office as a client, but he left as family. Welcome to the Carpey Law fam, Jamel!!

