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Workers' Compensation vs. Personal Injury—Which Should You Pursue?



On-the-job injuries are common, but it can be overwhelming when one happens to you. The incident that resulted in your injury will most likely leave you with pain and medical needs as well as financial losses and new expenses to deal with. By Georgia state law, anyone who has a job-related accident, injury, or illness due to conditions outside the control of the employee is eligible to apply for <u>workers' compensation</u>. But is this your best choice? In some cases, you may be able to pursue a <u>personal injury</u> case, but filing for one may negate your ability to apply for the other. That's why, after your medical concerns have been evaluated and addressed, your first call should be to an experienced workers' compensation attorney.

Differences in Cause and Compensation

With workers' compensation, you'll be eligible for benefits relatively quickly. The amount and type of benefits will depend on the degree of disability suffered due to the accident. The limits on those benefits are fixed and may not cover the total amount of your expenses or lost wages.

While workers' compensation is generally a "no-fault" plan to help injured workers, a personal injury case usually involves negligence or fault on an individual or company's part. While the damages that can be recovered may be greater than those from workers' compensation, it can take much longer to receive.

In some situations, you may be able to pursue workers' compensation and a personal injury suit.

Both workers' compensation and personal injury claims have deadlines for when you need to file. Your best course of action is to speak to one of our attorneys. We specialize in workers' compensation cases, and our attorneys have years of experience. We will investigate your incident and gather all the information to help you make the best choice. Our firm will fight for your rights and work to get you the maximum settlement you're entitled to receive.

Is Your Employer Retaliating Due to a Workers' Comp Claim?

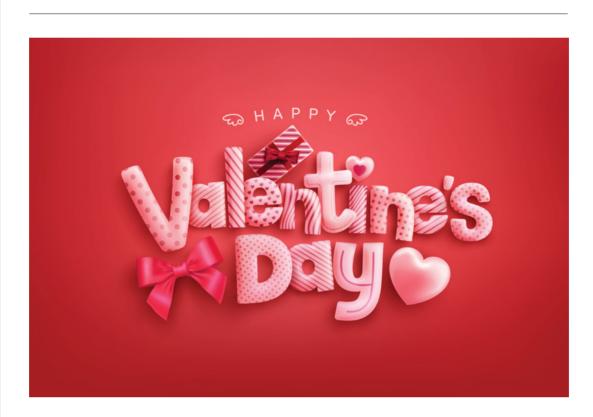


Workers' compensation is a right due to an employee injured on the job or concerning their job by law. It is meant to be a reasonable compromise between employers and employees. Sometimes, however, workers find themselves mistreated due to filing a claim or even discussing the potential of a workers' compensation claim. The most obvious form of retaliation is termination. But revenge can take many forms, including harassment and discrimination in the workplace. Below are some other types of retaliation:

- Demotion
- Isolation or intimidation in the workplace
- Threats of adverse actions
- Negative reclassification, reassignment, or transfer
- Refusal to promote or rehire
- Unwarranted disciplinary action
- · Undeservedly negative reference for employment

Termination and other disciplinary actions may be taken appropriately at any time by an employer, even if you are receiving workers' compensation. Intimidation tactics and other actions directed at an employee as revenge for filing a workers' comp claim, however, are not acceptable and are illegal. If you feel actions taken against you are retaliation for a workers' compensation claim or not lawful for other reasons, you must contact our law firm for help. Our experienced attorneys will be able to recognize retaliation and help stop it if you are a victim of this unfortunate tactic.

If you or a family member have been injured on the job in a <u>construction site accident</u>, a <u>slip and fall accident</u>, or any other work-related incident, <u>The Law Offices of Brian H.</u> <u>Sumrall</u>—Atlanta's Workers' Compensation Attorney--is where you should turn. Our expert legal team will handle your claim to help you recover <u>lost wages</u> and file <u>workers'</u> <u>compensation appeals</u> as needed. Get the compensation you need to cover your expenses and care for yourself and your family. Call 404.857.3835 24/7 for your free, no-obligation consultation today.



Recipe of the Month Rhubarb Crumble





Easy to prepare recipe for rhubarb lovers everywhere!

Prepare Crumbles:

Combine 1 cup flour, 1/3 cup oats, 3/4 cup sugar, and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Stir in 6 tablespoons of melted butter and 1/2 cup of chopped hazelnuts. Squeeze into large crumbles and place in the freezer.

Prepare Filling:

Toss 2 pounds chopped rhubarb, 1/3 cup sugar, 1/4 cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1/2 teaspoon orange zest, and 1/4 teaspoon salt in an 8-by-8-inch glass or ceramic baking dish. Scatter the crumble on top and bake in a preheated 375 degrees F oven until golden and bubbly, 45 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes.

Serve with whipped cream.

Recipe and photo courtesy of Foodnetwork.com



What's Happening In & Around Atlanta

Feb 18 – 19 <u>Beauty & the Beast</u> Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center

Feb 21 – 26 <u>Tina: The Tina Turner Musical</u> Fox Theatre

Feb 23 Joe Gatto – Night of Comedy Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center

Feb 24 Peabo Bryson City Winery Atlanta

Mar 4 Joe Bonamassa Fox Theatre

Mar 28 <u>Hits The Musical</u> Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center

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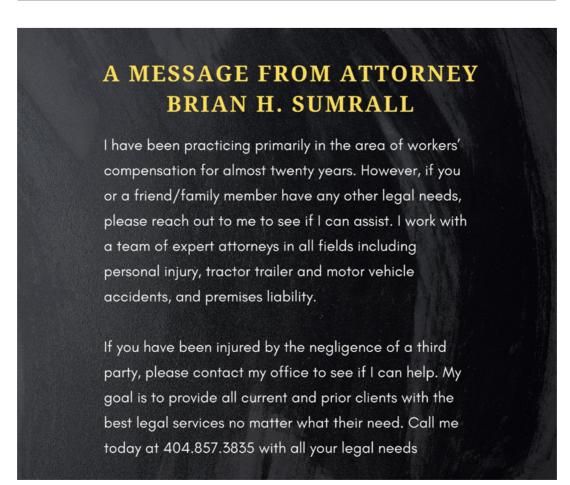
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I have worked with Brian on multiple cases for 10+ years, and I can, without any reservations, state that Brian is the consummate professional. He has a great understanding and full knowledge of the law. He's very responsive to inquiries. Just an excellent person and lawyer.

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