If you're reading this, you've likely experienced an injury that is impacting you physically, mentally and financially. The good news is that you're making the right choice to seek help. We know that when accidents happen, it's easy to feel helpless. But you've taken a step in the right direction toward finding justice and financial relief.

Once you fill out the contact form on our website, we'll be reaching out to you to set up an appointment for your free consultation. We want to make this consultation worth everyone's time, and leave you feeling that your case has been carefully considered and all of your questions have been answered. We're always available to answer any questions you have about the process, but we hope this document will help cover some of the bases. Here's how you can best prepare for your consultation with a personal injury attorney.

#### RESEARCH THE FIRM

Hopefully, you've done some of this before setting up a consultation, but if you haven't or want to research a little deeper, now's the time. Look into previous cases the firm's attorneys have been involved in, as well as the settlement results. Winning and transparent firms will offer this information on their websites. You can also ask around, read reviews and evaluate for yourself. A good, reputable attorney will have a good record of successful lawsuits and positive client reviews. It's important to find an attorney who you truly believe can help and who you can be honest with. Doing your research puts you in a position to have a successful consultation and ask the right questions.

## 2 GATHER EVIDENCE

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- Medical records and reports
- · Police reports
- Photos, videos and audio recordings of the accident or injuries
- Insurance policies and reports (health, auto or any other applicable insurance)
- · Bills and receipts related to the accident, including things you purchase as a result of the injury

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# 3 RECORD YOUR PERSONAL ACCOUNT

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### 4 PREPARE FOR AN HONEST, CONFIDENTIAL CONVERSATION

Be prepared to come to your consultation with an open and honest attitude. This will help the attorney gain a comprehensive understanding of your case and make informed recommendations. You can be assured that your conversation with the attorney will be confidential, respectful and sympathetic to your situation. Bring paper and a pen to record any information you want to remember after your consultation. Some people may feel nervous or intimated and want to bring a friend or family member for support. Most attorneys welcome this, so long as you understand that the conversation will not be entirely confidential if a third party is present.

#### 5 PREPARE QUESTIONS FOR YOUR ATTORNEY

One of the best ways to leave a consultation with all of the key information is to prepare questions beforehand. Ultimately, your attorney will be working for you, so it's understandable that you'd interview them like you would an employee you're looking to hire. Not sure what to ask? Here are some common questions to get you thinking.

- Do you think I have a viable case to pursue compensation for my injury? What brings you to that conclusion?
- How much compensation do you think I can recover?
- What is the fee arrangement, and what can I expect in costs?
- What's expected of me in this process?
- Is there anything I can do to help my case?
- How long do you think it will take for my case to be resolved?
- Who will be in contact with me, and how often?
- Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns?

At Cok Kinzler, our team of experienced attorneys is prepared to help you navigate this process and take the stress out of pursuing justice for your injury. We know that legal processes can be confusing and overwhelming; we'll help you cut through the jargon to fully understand your options and potential for compensation.

Whether you've already scheduled your free consultation with us, or you're just starting to explore the idea of pursuing a case, we're here to answer your questions.

Give us a call at 800-677-6263 or learn more about us on our website, cokkinzlerlaw.com.