WHAT IS A PERSONAL INJURY?
A personal injury is bodily harm, typically suffered due to negligence of another party.

IN A PERSONAL INJURY CASE...
A plaintiff (the injured party) files a claim against the defendant.

Negligence is a key aspect of personal injury law. Negligence implies that a person or persons acted carelessly or recklessly, and that carelessness led to the plaintiff’s injuries.

A claim is filed to receive compensation for damages (costs) stemming from an injury.

TYPES OF PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS
There are many different types of injury claims, including...

Vehicle Accident Claims
A negligent driver injures another motorist or cyclist.

Workplace Injury Claims
When a negligent employer or third party causes a worker harm.

Product Liability Claims
When a faulty or defective product causes a consumer harm and the manufacturer is held accountable.

Medical Malpractice Claim
A negligent healthcare provider harms a patient.

Wrongful Death Claim
Surviving family members file a claim against a negligent party for the death of their loved one.

WHY PEOPLE FILE PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS
A person files a claim because they’ve suffered an injury that is typically expensive and painful.

The claim allows them the opportunity to hold the responsible party accountable for the damages they’ve experienced.

The compensation from a claim can help cover medical bills, lost income, diminished quality of life and intense pain and suffering.

THE ROLE OF AN ATTORNEY
Some attorneys and law firms focus their practices primarily on certain types of personal injury law.

Attorneys handle paperwork, correspond with other attorneys and insurance companies and seek to get their clients the monetary possible settlement.

Personal injury attorneys are familiar with the process involved in a claim and help clients avoid pitfalls that could be detrimental in a lawsuit.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS IN PERSONAL INJURY CASES
The statute of limitations is the window of time a person has from the time of injury to file a claim. In New York, most types of injury claims must be filed within 3 years of the injury.

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