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Personal Injury Representation Gets Results

You should know...

The attorneys at **Jones, Clifford, Johnson & Johnson, LLP**, have been aggressively representing victims in personal injury and wrongful-death cases throughout California for over 40 years.

Regardless of whether an injury occurs at a construction site, nursing home, on the road, or other premises, or involves a motor vehicle, pedestrian, motorcycle, tractor trailer, chemical exposure, or defective products/equipment, you can rely on the highly skilled trial lawyers at **JCJJ** to get the best results every time.

An important hallmark of **JCJJ** is that they are one of the only law firms in California that combines legal expertise in both **personal injury** and **workers' compensation** litigation.



Keep in mind, if you have a workers' compensation claim in conjunction with a personal injury case, it is in your best interest to coordinate the two cases within the same law firm, since a settlement of your personal injury case can have negative consequences on your workers' compensation case, and vice versa.

By placing your trust in **JCJJ**, you will be with one of the premier law firms in California.

Tips on Choosing a Doctor



We all know that one good way to choose a doctor is to ask a friend or family member who they would recommend. But here are some other things to keep in mind when selecting a doctor:

- Is the doctor a generalist or a specialist?
- Which best meets your needs?
- Who covers the doctor's patients when he or she is away?
- Are there other doctors in the practice?
- Does the doctor have an assistant or nurse practitioner who sees patients?
- What hospitals is the doctor affiliated with?
- Is the doctor close to your home?

Our Nurse Becomes a Doctor

JCJJ has always been proactive and progressive. They are one of the only SF law firms to have a nurse on staff to assist with all phases of trial preparation for both personal injury and workers' compensation cases. Leading the way once again, JCJJ proudly announces that their nurse is also a doctor. Kathleen Mullen, PhD, MS, RN, recently completed her doctorate in Occupational Health Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco.



Dr. Mullen's research focuses on understanding how personal, work, social, and family roles are impacted by injuries and identifying the motivations and obstacles workers encounter when returning to work after an injury. She received the top national award for her work from the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses and was awarded a grant from the UCLA School of Public Health. Dr. Mullen spoke at the International Commission of Occupational Health in Vancouver, British Columbia, in October 2007.

Personal Injury Results

- \$2,135,000 for a teenager injured in a motor vehicle accident.
- \$1,961,000 for a construction worker injured on a job site.
- \$4,450,000 for two law enforcement officers injured by a tractor trailer.
- \$1,500,000 for an ironworker seriously injured in a fall at a job site in Los Angeles.



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SFPD Officer Wins Disputed Disability Retirement Case



David, a 50-year-old San Francisco Police officer, sustained spine and knee injuries when he was in a vehicle rollover accident in October 2002. Because of his injuries, he could not return to work as a police officer. When his department could no longer accommodate him on light duty, he filed for an Industrial Disability Retirement. However, the doctor hired by the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System claimed David's symptoms were the result of the natural aging process and not from his on-duty accident. An Administrative Law Judge found in favor of the City and denied the officer's disability retirement.

Christopher Dehner, a certified legal specialist in workers' compensation and partner at JCJJ, believed strongly that the decision was flawed,

so he appealed, filing a Writ of Mandamus in Superior Court. Mr. Dehner was successful in arguing the case, which ultimately resulted in overturning the earlier denial of David's disability retirement. After two years of litigation, David is now getting what he deserves, his full industrial disability retirement.

Food for thought...



"Nothing that grieves us can be called little: by the eternal laws of proportion, a child's loss of a doll and a king's loss of a crown are events of the same size."
 – Mark Twain

Nurse's Corner...

Heart attack symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach. And unlike the movies, heart attacks often come on slowly. Early medical attention is critical to prevent serious heart damage. If you experience any of the above symptoms, seek medical help immediately.