



Larson Law Newsletter January 2025



"Wishing you a month filled with fresh starts, new opportunities, and positive vibes."

Happy New Year!

As we step into 2025, we want to thank you for trusting us. Your resilience inspires us, and we remain committed to advocating for your rights and recovery.

If you have questions about your case or need assistance, we're here to help every step of the way. Let's make this year one of healing and progress together.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, healthy, and prosperous year ahead!

Here is a list of what you should know when working with Larson Law to ensure a smooth and successful process:

1. Be Honest and Transparent

- Share all details about your accident and injuries, no matter how small. Honesty helps build a strong case.
- Disclose any pre-existing conditions or prior injuries, as these may affect your claim.

2. Follow Medical Advice

- Attend all medical appointments and follow your treatment plan consistently.
- Keep records of your symptoms, treatments, and progress, as these are vital for your case.

3. Keep Detailed Records

- Document everything related to your accident, including photos, medical bills, lost wages, and communication with insurance companies.
- Save receipts and invoices for expenses like prescriptions, travel to appointments, or medical devices.

4. Don't Talk to Insurance Companies Without Guidance

- Avoid speaking directly to the at-fault party's insurance adjuster without consulting your attorney. They may use your words against you.

5. Be Patient with the Process

- Personal injury cases can take time, especially if litigation is involved. Trust that your attorney is working to get the best outcome for you.

6. Communicate with Your Attorney

- Respond to requests for information or documents promptly.
- Update your attorney on any changes in your condition, treatment, or circumstances.

7. Understand Lien Agreements

- If your medical providers agree to treat you on a lien basis, know that they'll be paid from your settlement. Ensure you understand the terms of these agreements.

8. Stay Off Social Media

- Avoid posting about your accident, injuries, or daily activities. Insurance companies may monitor your posts to dispute your claims.

9. Ask Questions

- If you're unsure about any part of the process, ask us. We are here to guide you and ensure you feel confident about your case.

By staying proactive, following the attorney's advice, and remaining organized, you can help build a strong case and achieve the best possible outcome.

Beware of "Bird Dogging" or "Finding" Agencies

By: Bryan A. Larson

Over the recent holidays, I had an opportunity to examine some of the things found in social media. I was shocked at the high number of "bird-dogging" or "finding" agencies or business entities that act essentially as a dating service between persons injured in motor vehicle crashes and attorneys that they want to hook them up with. Many of these agencies or entities go by such names as "Top Law" and, "Injury Pro" or "Injury Helpline" or any other such euphemistic titles.

Most of these advertisements promote the idea that nearly every MVC can produce 6—or 7-digit verdicts. They oftentimes advertise that there is some new "2024 compensation program" (it'll now be the 2025 compensation program) that the victim only needs to take advantage of to receive riches. However, there has been no new change in the law that guarantees or provides automatic payments to everyone injured in a crash.

The value of personal injury cases depends on too many factors to list here. However, some of the main factors include the true extent of the objectively demonstrated injuries, the caliber of the witnesses involved, the calibers of the physicians and the physician documentation involved, the pattern of care and treatment received for those injuries, the amount of impairment or disability rating assessed for the injuries, the long term prognosis and need for future care, and numerous other factors, which cannot be evaluated in a brief phone conversation or quick questionnaire filled out online.

The ads make it appear as if all you have to do is get involved in a crash, and immediately, you're handed a golden ticket to an ATM in your neighborhood, and millions can be yours. This is such buffoonery, yet it fools people every day.

The attorneys that sign up for these agencies to have cases referred to them, generally, have a kickback or payment schedule that they give to these entities that compensates the entity for bird-dogging the new clients to their doorstep. This is true even though such schemes are

often illegal. State enforcement of this law is poor. There is virtually no screening process for the quality of attorneys who sign up for such programs. The attorneys that end up representing the client may be experienced and ethical, or not, they may know what they're doing, or not. The client as well as their treating physicians operating on a lien basis are taking a high degree of risk getting such representation. It is riskier than a "blind date".

The numbers of these agencies are numerous. If you respond to any one of the ads presented you will receive dozens of phone calls, not only from the agency or entity supposedly behind the ad that you responded to, but also from literally dozens of other similar entities also competing for business. The "screeners" behind such phone calls are usually not attorneys, but instead are very slightly trained individuals who ask several questions that they have been given to identify what might be a case or not. They are in no position to give it a valuation of what that particular injury case might be worth. The value of a case might not even be known until the patient is at or nearly completed with treatment for the injuries.

The relationship between an attorney and client is one of advocate and counselor and is fiduciary in nature. It is a relationship of trust that obligates the attorney to act only in the client's best interest. This type of relationship should never be merely the result of clicking a few boxes and receiving an assignment to some attorney that you've never known or heard about before. Whether you retain Larson Law for your personal injury representation or some other trusted law firm, we highly recommend that you tell your family, friends, and business associates to never fall into the trap of believing the advertising hype that these entities use. Your case might be worth a great deal of money. We certainly have handled many of those cases. However, it may only be related to what the true value of the case is after it has been thoroughly evaluated.

If looking for an attorney you can check them out by asking family, friends, physicians, and other professionals who have used the attorney services in the past. It's also free for you to go in and meet with an attorney. Talk to them. Ask them questions. "Pick up the vibes" or "feel the spirit" that radiates from that particular attorney. Only after you get a confirmation that the attorney that you are meeting with is the one that you want to represent you should you move forward with representation. If the attorney puts on a high-pressure sales pitch demanding that you sign on the dotted line in the first meeting that is a clear red flag, just as it is when purchasing a used car.

We invite anyone interested in dealing with this question to give us a call. Come meet with us. Come talk to us and allow us to discuss your case with you. There will never be a charge unless we happen to represent your services to a successful conclusion that is for an amount that is the most appropriate for your particular case.



Lemon Crumb Bars

INGREDIENTS

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup packed dark or light brown sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1 1/4 cups old-fashioned rolled or quick-cooking oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 large or 3 medium lemons
- 1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk

INSTRUCTIONS

- Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 350°F. Line the bottom and sides of an 8x8-inch baking pan with 2 sheets of parchment paper, positioning them perpendicular to each other and making sure they are long enough to hang over all four sides by at least 1 inch to form a sling.
- Cut 1 stick unsalted butter into 8 pieces and place in a large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave in 20-second bursts until mostly melted, 40 to 60 seconds total. (Alternatively, melt the butter on the stovetop, then pour into a large bowl.)
- Add 3/4 cup packed light or dark brown sugar, 3/4 teaspoon baking powder, and 1/2 teaspoon of the kosher salt, and stir to combine. Add 1 1/4 cups old-fashioned rolled or quick-cooking oats and 1 cup all-purpose flour, and stir with a flexible spatula until no dry spots remain. Reserve 1 cup of the mixture for topping.

- Transfer the remaining crumble mixture into the baking pan. Pat into an even layer. Bake until fragrant and lightly browned, 12 to 14 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare the lemon filling.
- Wipe out the crumble bowl (no need to wash). Finely grate the zest of 2 large or 3 medium lemons (about 2 tablespoons) into the bowl. Juice the zested lemons until you have 1/2 cup, then add to the bowl. Add 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk and the remaining 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, and whisk until smooth.
- Pour the filling over the hot crust. Sprinkle the reserved crumble mixture evenly over the filling. Return the baking pan to the oven and bake until the edges are lightly browned and set, 22 to 24 minutes. Place the pan on a wire rack and let cool completely, about 1 1/2 hours. If the filling is softer than desired, refrigerate for 30 minutes once completely cooled to firm up.
- Grasping the excess parchment paper, lift the slab out of the pan and place on a cutting board. Cut into 12 pieces.

<https://www.thekitchn.com/lemon-crumb-bars-recipe-23658749#post-recipe-636490057>



We are truly grateful for the trust you place in us to handle your personal injury needs. Your referrals mean the world to us—they are the highest compliment we can receive. If you know someone who could benefit from experienced legal support after an accident, we're here to help them get the care and compensation they deserve. Rest assured, we'll treat them with the same dedication and respect we've shown you. Thank you for your confidence in us!



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