

“Understanding Contingency Fees in Personal Injury Cases”

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Introduction

If you've been injured, hiring a lawyer may seem expensive—but most personal-injury attorneys work on contingency, meaning you pay nothing upfront.

What Is a Contingency Fee?

Instead of charging hourly, your attorney receives a percentage of your settlement or verdict (usually 30 – 40%). If you don't win, you don't owe legal fees. This structure lets anyone pursue justice regardless of income.

Why It Benefits Clients

Contingency fees align your lawyer's motivation with yours: both want the best possible outcome. They also remove the stress of monthly bills while you recover.

Things to Ask Before Signing

- What percentage will the firm charge?
- Are case expenses (like experts or filing fees) included or separate?
- When are costs deducted—before or after fees?

Final Thoughts

A clear fee agreement builds trust from day one. Understanding how contingency works helps you choose representation confidently.

About the Author

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