

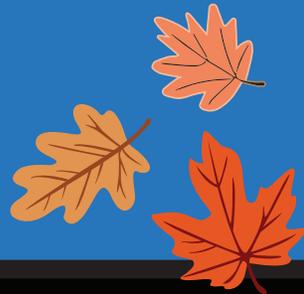


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NO NEED TO HURRY A SETTLEMENT after an accident

Insurance adjusters are often quick on the draw in pushing for a settlement in a car accident case. It saves the insurance company work, not to mention a lot of money. It might seem tempting to the injured party—no claims process and a rapid acquisition of compensation. What could be the harm in that?



Plenty.

To acquire the compensation you deserve, wait for a full investigation of your accident. Having all the facts at your disposal is always beneficial. In addition, some injuries aren't apparent just days after an accident; some might only appear weeks or even months later.

If you jump on a quick settlement opportunity, you're likely to get the really short end of the stick. That's what the insurance companies are banking on.

When the other party's insurance adjuster calls, make it clear that you will not be talking about how the accident happened, your injuries, or a settlement amount, and that you don't want any further calls on these issues. Many adjusters are skilled at eliciting comments that can call into question your injuries or finesse what amounts to an admission of some fault on your part.

You may need to field a phone call from an adjuster concerning car repairs. But do it at your convenience.

Do not sign any forms from the other party's insurance company. These forms could give an insurance company direct access to your medical, work, or personal records. Some companies are sneaky enough to try to disguise a release from any liability.

Contact **Corradino & Papa** to guide you through the claims process and protect your rights. ■

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wishing you

A HEALTHY THANKSGIVING!



Thanksgiving is a bustling, exciting, family time of year. Unfortunately, injuries also spike over the holiday weekend (Wednesday through Sunday night).

AAA projects that 55+ million travelers will be making trips of 50 miles or more to attend Thanksgiving gatherings, including over 49 million hitting the roadways. Congested roads, drivers in a hurry, and alcohol inebriation all contribute to making Thanksgiving weekend one of the deadliest traffic stretches of the year. Tragically, 450 to 500 traffic fatalities and 50,000+ injuries will accompany the weekend (National Safety Council).

Slip-and-fall injuries at restaurants, grocery stores, retail stores, and homes soar as well. Crowds and the extra busyness of the season may divert attention from properly addressing spilled food or liquid, rainwater or melted snow traipsed indoors, loose mats or rugs, cracked flooring, inadequate lighting, etc., sometimes leading to serious injuries.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, Thanksgiving is a peak day for home cooking fires — three times as many as a typical day — and burn injuries. Kitchens can be hectic and things get knocked over; flammable objects, including loose clothing, are too close to heat sources; and the person deep-frying the turkey is way too close to the house and doesn't follow additional precautions. Conversely, unattended cooking may spark a fire.

Food poisoning is a bigger threat at Thanksgiving too. For many home cooks, Thanksgiving is the largest and most pressure-packed meal of the year. When dishes are improperly prepared, cooking times pinched, or foods left out too long, partakers' days can be ruined. Grocery stores and restaurants also have a responsibility to make sure foods are safe and/or prepared properly.

If you are injured as a result of negligence this holiday season, contact [Corradino & Papa](#) to protect your rights. ■

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key reasons TO FILE A PERSONAL INJURY CASE

Let's face it; there are lots of folks around who think that the only people filing personal injury claims are the ones looking to make a quick buck or "hit the lottery". What a bunch of bunk. Truth is, if you or a loved one is seriously hurt in an accident or killed, a personal injury claim may be the only path for you or your family to stay afloat during extraordinarily difficult circumstances.



Some of the most common reasons to file a personal injury claim include the need to:

- Recover lost wages when injuries keep you from working;
- Pay for medical bills (that can add up quickly and sometimes can run into the hundreds of thousands or even millions);
- Handle future expenses that can arise from ongoing treatment and therapy;
- Provide future financial security if the victim is not able to work for an extended period of time or permanently.
- Provide financial support that can help pay for lifestyle adjustments that can come about as a result of permanent disability.

As you can see from that list, those reasons are far from frivolous. Bottom line – compensation from a personal injury settlement simply helps an innocent victim get by and handle the life-altering changes brought about by someone else's negligence. It's not about greed or milking the system.

If you have questions regarding a potential injury claim, please do not hesitate to contact our office. [Corradino & Papa](#) will answer any questions and we are here to guide you through the process. ■

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November birthdays



November 3rd



November 22nd



November 26th

phantoms of the roads

A “phantom driver” is a driver who is the cause of an auto accident, but their vehicle doesn’t make contact with any other vehicle. Following the chaos of a crash, the phantom driver is long gone. Some phantom drivers exit the area without realizing what occurred; others know full well but take the coward’s way out and drive on in hope of avoiding possible consequences.

For instance, a phantom driver might pull a move that prompts another driver to swerve, causing the victim to strike another vehicle, a bicyclist, pedestrian, guardrail, tree, or other object.



Typically, accidents caused by phantom drivers are regarded in the same light as a hit-and-run — an extremely serious matter. Phantom driver accidents are frequently referred to as “miss-and-runs.”

Phantom drivers are still legally liable for all injuries and damages resulting from the accident. Obviously, tracking them down is challenging, but all is not necessarily lost:

- First, call 9-1-1 to report the crash.
- If you or someone with you is physically able, jot down all details — for instance, what led to the crash, vehicle make and model, color, distinguishing features, any digits of the license plate, etc.
- Take pictures of vehicle damage, noticeable injuries, tire marks, and so forth.
- Gather information from any eyewitnesses.
- Notify your insurance company within 24 hours.
- Last but not least, contact our firm, **Corradino & Papa** for skilled, thoughtful assistance. Phantom driver incidents can quickly become complicated. We will handle all the legal aspects of your case and help you deal with any insurance issues. Depending on the accident location, there might be video recordings of the incident, which only a personal injury attorney can obtain. ■

November 2024 – Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 3 — Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 5 — Election Day Nov. 11 — Veterans Day Nov. 13 — Indian Pudding Day Nov. 19 — Play Monopoly Day

Nov. 28 — French Toast Day Nov. 28 — Thanksgiving

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Quote of the Month: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." –Mark Twain

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healthy apple crisp

Servings: 6; prep time: 15 min.; cook time: 40 min.; total time: 55 min.

This healthy apple crisp is so delicious, you'll never know it's also good for you! Loaded with fiber, vitamins, healthy fats, and antioxidants.

Ingredients

Apple filling

- 4 large apples, sweet and crisp
Honeycrisp, Gala, or Fuji (or 6 small)
- 1 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

Topping

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/3 cup pecan pieces
- 2 tbsp. maple syrup
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Directions

1. Preheat the oven at 350°F.
2. Cut the apples in quarters, remove the cores, and peel the skin with a paring knife or vegetable peeler. Slice thin (1/8 inch) and place in a bowl.
3. Add 1 tbsp. olive oil and 1 tsp. cinnamon to the bowl, and toss well until combined.
4. Spread the mixture into the bottom of a 9-inch pie dish or round baking dish.
5. Place rolled oats into the same bowl (no need to wash).
6. Add pecan pieces, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 2 tbsp. maple syrup, and 1 tbsp. olive oil. Mix well and spread over the apples, covering them well so they don't dry out.
7. Bake for 40 minutes.
8. Eat warm or at room temperature.

