

Michigan Auto Accident Attorney, Terry Cochran says "Buckle Up this Labor Day Holiday"

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Livonia, Michigan ([PRWEB](#)) October 21, 2003 -- Every 13 minutes in the United States someone will get away with murder. You can count on it.

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And, stresses attorney Terry Cochran, almost every negligent driver who kills a person on the highways will get away with it because most victims will not sue for negligence.

Terry Cochran, partner in Cochran & Foley in Livonia, Michigan, says auto accident victims in his state will avoid filing a lawsuit for two reasons. First, they are brainwashed by propaganda from the insurance companies. Second, no-fault laws in force confuse them.

"Victims should not hesitate from seeking justice for fear of filing a frivolous lawsuit," stresses Cochran. "That's propaganda created by the insurance industry. Let your attorney, not an insurance agent, determine what's frivolous and when justice should be pursued."

"In America, a jury makes a decision on damages after hearing all of the evidence," adds Cochran. "The jury award is designed to compensate the injury victim. A fundamental right of all Americans is a trial by jury, allowing our fellow citizens to hear our case and to make a decision."

Neither should victims hesitate from filing a lawsuit because they live in a no-fault state such as Michigan.

"If you were involved in a car accident in Michigan, you first receive benefits from your own no-fault insurance company regardless of fault," explains Cochran. "This is called the no-fault benefits. The benefits include 85 percent of your gross wages for the first three years after the accident, \$20 a day for replacement services, home assistant care if necessary, payment of medical bills and prescription, etc. The policy is to have the injured person receive essential benefits quickly and without unnecessary delay. It's called the no-fault system because you receive the benefits regardless of fault."

The second part is the fault component, adds Cochran. "If you're involved in a car accident in Michigan and sustain serious injuries you may be able to bring an action against the other driver. This action would compensate you for pain and suffering and excess economic damages beyond three years."

Victims should seek monetary damages for funeral costs or mounting medical expenses, lost income, pain and suffering, mental anguish, and expensive vehicle repairs

The auto accident attorneys at Cochran & Foley have the skills, legal knowledge and experience needed to

protect people who have suffered personal injury and property damage because of a collision and will seek to win payment for their clients' injuries and expenses.

An attorney will lead a victim through the steps needed to recover actual damages and may even assist in punitive damages being awarded. Actual damages are intended to restore a victim's financial situation to a position roughly equivalent to what it was before the accident occurred. Actual damages can be awarded for medical bills, lost income, funeral expenses, pain and suffering, mental stress, permanent disability and similar hardships.

Punitive damages, above and beyond those actually incurred by the victim, are intended to punish the guilty party for reckless or inappropriate behavior. Punitive damages also can function as a deterrent for others.

An attorney can collect damages for your family by proving that the guilty party was negligent. A person is negligent when he or she fails to act like an ordinary, reasonable person.

Statutes of limitation limit the length of time a victim has to file a lawsuit. Anyone who fails to file a lawsuit within that time period may forever be denied the justice. It is critical for anyone who has been injured in a motor vehicle crash and believes they have a case to seek legal help quickly.

Cochran, Foley & Associates will fight for the rights of all victims. There is no obligation for case evaluation and no fee is charged unless a recovery is made. Learn if a negligent driver caused your condition by calling 800-322-5543 and ask for Terry Cochran or Lynn Foley.

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