

When to Settle A Workers' Compensation Claim

For the majority of attorneys who practice in the Workers' Compensation, most would say they have two primary roles. The first is to be sure the client is receiving adequate medical treatment for all the injuries that were sustained and the second being to know when to seek a settlement to maximize your claim.

Once a claimant has been treated and has reached MMI or maximum medical improvement your attorney will have more of an understanding of what the future holds for you both physically and financially. Several things play a role in determining the timing of settlement. MMI is only the beginning.

Some other issues that are taken into consideration in maximizing your benefit may be a PPD (permanent partial disability) rating, permanent work restrictions and ongoing medical treatment that may be needed, and the need for Vocational Rehabilitation benefits can effect the settlement value as well. These issues can play an important role in determining the maximum value of your claim. Of course the more exposure the Employer/Insurer will have may be an encouragement for them in wanting to settle your claim.

Murphy & Associates handles workers' compensation claims and personal injury claims. If you have been injured on the job or in an auto accident and have questions regarding your claim feel free to contact us for a free consultation by calling (770) 577-3020.