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Car Crash Seminar: From Sign-Up to Settlement

RECOGNIZING AND PRESERVING AUTO PRODUCT LIABILITY CASES

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Auto Product Liability Claim

- Instances of serious injury or death in a wreck that appears survivable
- No other obvious theories of liability against a defendant with sufficient financial resources
- Other available defendants have only limited financial resources available for recovery

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Initial Inquiry

- Did a problem with the vehicle cause the wreck (defect causing event)?
- OR
- Did something about the vehicle cause or contribute to plaintiff's injury (crashworthiness – defect causing injury)?



Factors to Consider

- Auto product liability or crashworthiness claims are very time consuming and expensive.
- Are there other possible avenues available for recovery of plaintiff's damages?



Factors to Consider

- Plaintiff's Conduct
- Involvement of Alcohol or Drugs
- Seatbelt Usage



INVESTIGATION

Need to Move Quickly



Investigation

Secure the Vehicle



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