

## PI E-MAIL & FAX ALERT

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### Bad PI lawyers and what to do about them

Exhibit A: Letter from LA attorney to the DC  
May 20, 2010

Dear Dr. XXX

"I have a long standing office policy of not letting chiropractors tell me how to practice law or settle personal injury cases. My general settlement policy is 1/3 client, 1/3 pro rata health care practitioners and 1/3 lawyer."

Signed by, Unscrupulous PI attorney.

What's wrong with this letter? Everything.

1. It is impossible to have a healthy relationship with any attorney who abuses a DC in this manner. Refer your patient to a pro DC attorney.
2. The Thirdsies Formula is a disaster.
  - ✓ It guarantees all doctors will receive major reductions.
  - ✓ The patients get a windfall no matter what.
  - ✓ When the attorney does not share fee reductions, it's unfair but legal.

A surprisingly large number of attorneys regularly work this way. More surprising are the DC's who work with these attorneys.

The famous Anonymous Adjuster's teleconferences are available on our site in Doctors Resources page.

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### Doctor of the Month : Timothy Myers DC \$899,000 against CSAA, Fresno County

23 year old Jeff Gallegos had a good job with FedEx as a loader. Noel ran a red light and struck Gallegos' vehicle at 40 mph.

Gallegos sought care from Dr. Myers for severe low back problems with severe disc herniations. Myers referred Jeff to a neurosurgeon and a pain control MD. Jeff underwent a two-level discectomy fusion at L4-L5 and L5-S1.

Jeff continued to claim ongoing chronic pain and decreased range of motion. He lost his job, of course and had to retrain with a vocation rehab specialist.

*Gallegos vs. Noel, 08CECG0390, Fresno Sup Court, Judge Donald Franson*

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### Gym Visitor says Boxer Battered Him

Gregorio Asuncion, with his wife, picked up a professional boxer from LAX and drove him to Wild Card Boxing Gym.

When Asuncion arrived in the gym he was threatened by boxer Manny Pacquiao. Then defendant punched, grabbed and pushed Asuncion to the floor.

The jury voted in favor of defendants.

*Asuncion vs. Roach BC 401 376 Los Angeles Superior Court, Judge Ken Freeman.*

### Practice Tips:

Unusual cases are unpredictable. Most "fight" cases are considered "mutual combat". Even in a boxing gym. The patient should pay 100% cash.