

PI E-MAIL & FAX ALERT

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Permanent Disability Guidelines from California

One of the newest and most important PI Value Drivers is determining your patient's "Permanent Disability".

Genius Gary Lewkovich DC, and chair of the CCA's Personal Injury Committee, has re-formulated an easy to use Activity Restriction/Preclusion check list to help determine disability.

In this check list the AMA provides ratings from 0 up to 20%. Each rating point can significantly raise the value of a PI Case.

If your patient at MMI continues to have residuals---then impairment analysis is crucial. Support your opinions with pre and post injury ADL data.

For a copy of the excellent Lewkovich Permanent Disability Guidelines, contact johntawlian@shawnsteel.com

See why the American Association for Justice named these insurance companies as the worst.

The Ten Worst Insurance Companies in America

1. Allstate
2. Unum
3. AIG
4. State Farm
5. Consec
6. WellPoint
7. Farmers
8. UnitedHealth
9. Torchmark
10. Liberty Mutual

For a copy of this study see our website or e-mail: johntawlian@shawnsteel.com

Our thanks to Robert White. DC and CCA leader in Ventura County.

Milton Legome, MD Orthopedic Surgeon; Insurance Doctor

Sam Mares, a 35 year old carpenter, driving with his wife and 3 children were rear-ended. The wife and children were taken by ambulance. The DC opined each family member suffered "soft tissue" injuries.

Defendant claimed that Mares made an unsafe lane change thus causing the accident. Moreover, defendant retained Milton Legome MD to examine each of the plaintiffs.

Legome who is a most prolific testifier for insurance companies argued that a) the DC bills were not reasonable or necessary; b) that the wife had no "anatomic" basis for her complaints and that c) she was consciously exaggerating her claims.

The jury believed the ortho over the DC. And awarded only \$1675 for the whole family. Total medical bills were \$16,000. The damage to the car was some \$5,500.00.

Mares vs. Davis Los Angeles Superior Court, Compton, June 4 2009, 08 C 01101. Mercury.

Practice Tip: MD's like Legome are notorious professional doctors who typically earn over \$500k each year working for insurance. Many have not treated or performed surgery in years. They are deadly and effective in front of a jury. It is vital that treating doctors work with highly qualified and "active" orthopedists to counter act professional testifiers.

Mark your calendar now.

Wednesday July 29 @ 1:00 pm

Monthly Teleconference

**HOW ADJUSTERS TRY TO REDUCE
YOUR CLAIM; by an anonymous adjuster**

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and Armenian.