



Your Legal Rights



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COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OR INJURY

If you experience loss, injury, or harm as the result of another party's actions, and win your civil case against that party, you are entitled to receive compensation. This monetary award takes the form of "special damages," which include compensation for past and future medical bills and lost wages, and "general damages," which cannot be so precisely calculated. They include compensation for the pain and suffering, past and future, endured by the injured party. In addition, there are "punitive damages." Not available in all states, they uphold the principle that a negligent party may be held liable for more money than it would take to compensate the injured party, serving as

a warning to other negligent wrongdoers.

The unbiased logic of a legal professional is indispensable. We are here to assist you using experience and facts to help you determine your best course of action. If you would like further information about today's column, or to discuss your legal matter with an attorney versed in personal injury law, contact our office. For your convenience, we offer hospital and in-home visits.

HINT: Damages awarded in civil cases are generally intended to place the claimant in the position in which he or she would have been had the wrongdoing not taken place.

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