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SEXUALLY ABUSIVE CATHOLIC PRIESTS in Pennsylvania Continue to be Exposed

In October 2021 another Catholic priest pleaded no contest to repeatedly assaulting an 11-year old altar boy in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, south of Pittsburgh. The announcement was made by PA Attorney Josh Shapiro who spearheaded the statewide 2018 Grand Jury Investigation of several dioceses across the Commonwealth.

The assaults by Andrew Kawecki started in 2004 and continued until the boy, who was an altar server at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Fairchance, was 14 years old.

Kawecki was charged in August 2020 after the survivor came forward to investigators, telling them that Kawecki forced sexual encounters in the back room of the church where Kawecki prepared for services.

After charges were filed in that case, another person came forward with similar allegations of abuse. However, that abuse happened outside the statute of limitations, according to Shapiro's office.

Kawecki had been identified following the release of the report following a grand jury investigation on clergy sexual abuse in 2018, but he was not named within the report, Shapiro's office said.

Kawecki's plea to indecent assault requires him to register as a sex offender for 10 years under Megan's Law.

Cases like these illustrate that the tragedy of sexual abuse continues to plague institutions across Pennsylvania despite the four Grand Juries since 2003. Such abuse by Catholic clergy will likely continue to occur until the Catholic Church in America and across the globe takes a more aggressive stance in protecting vulnerable children.

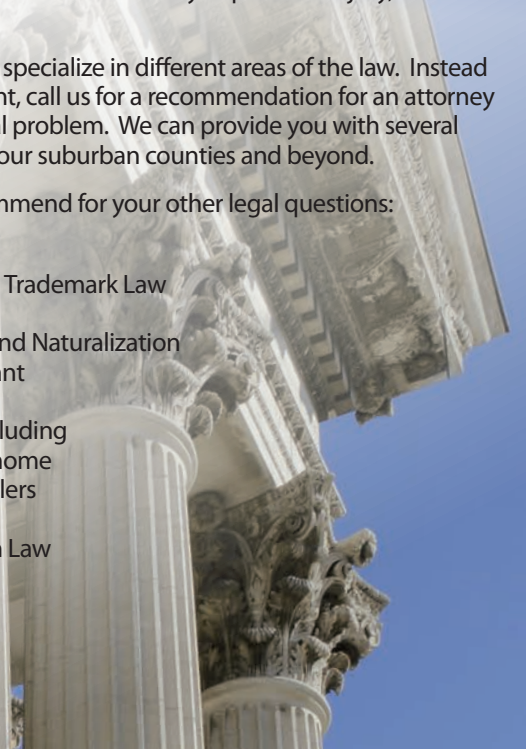
DON'T PULL A RABBIT OUT OF A HAT

I have been practicing law for almost 44 years. In that time, I handled a variety of personal injury, workers' compensation cases and estate-related matters.

In addition to that, I have come to know other lawyers who specialize in different areas of the law. Instead of picking someone off a television or printed advertisement, call us for a recommendation for an attorney we know has the talent and experience to handle your legal problem. We can provide you with several names of trusted attorneys, anywhere in Philadelphia, the four suburban counties and beyond.

Here are just some of the legal specialties that we can recommend for your other legal questions:

- ▶ Bankruptcy
- ▶ IRS and Tax Disputes
- ▶ Social Security Disability
- ▶ Land Use and Zoning
- ▶ Elder Law and Medicaid Planning
- ▶ Estate and Trust Planning
- ▶ Criminal including DUI
- ▶ Traffic Violations
- ▶ Family Law including Divorce, Separation, Custody and Adoption
- ▶ Business Law
- ▶ Civil Rights
- ▶ Copyright and Trademark Law
- ▶ Equine Law
- ▶ Immigration and Naturalization
- ▶ Landlord/Tenant
- ▶ Labor Law
- ▶ Real Estate including representing home buyers and sellers
- ▶ Title IX and Discrimination Law





When Should You GO TO THE HOSPITAL After a Car Accident?

Being involved in a car crash can be a terrifying ordeal. When should you seek medical treatment after an auto accident? Here's everything you need to know.

Should I Go to the Hospital After a Car Crash?

It's in your best interest to see a doctor after a car collision. Even if you have no serious injuries and feel fine, you should go to an emergency room, urgent care clinic or doctor as soon as possible.

If you don't, your health and finances could be at risk. Some injuries may not appear right away. However, hidden injuries can be just as severe as burns or bruises. A few injuries that are not easily detected without a medical professional assessing your situation include:

- ▶ Strains or sprains
- ▶ Internal organ damage
- ▶ Internal bleeding
- ▶ Concussions

To protect your well-being always seek immediate medical attention after a car crash.

Should I Go to the ER or Urgent Care Clinic?

For a life-threatening or serious injury you should always go to an emergency room as soon as possible. Severe burns, breathing problems and major broken bones should be treated at the ER.

Why Do I Need Prompt Medical Treatment if I Feel Fine?

Getting medical treatment following an automotive accident is important for your health and financial future. The longer an injury goes untreated the worse it could get. This may lead to higher medical bills and prolonged pain and suffering.

When filing a personal injury lawsuit it is crucial that you sought medical attention right after the accident occurred. This will increase your chances of getting the compensation you need and deserve. If you or someone you know has been involved in an auto accident call our office. We are here to help.

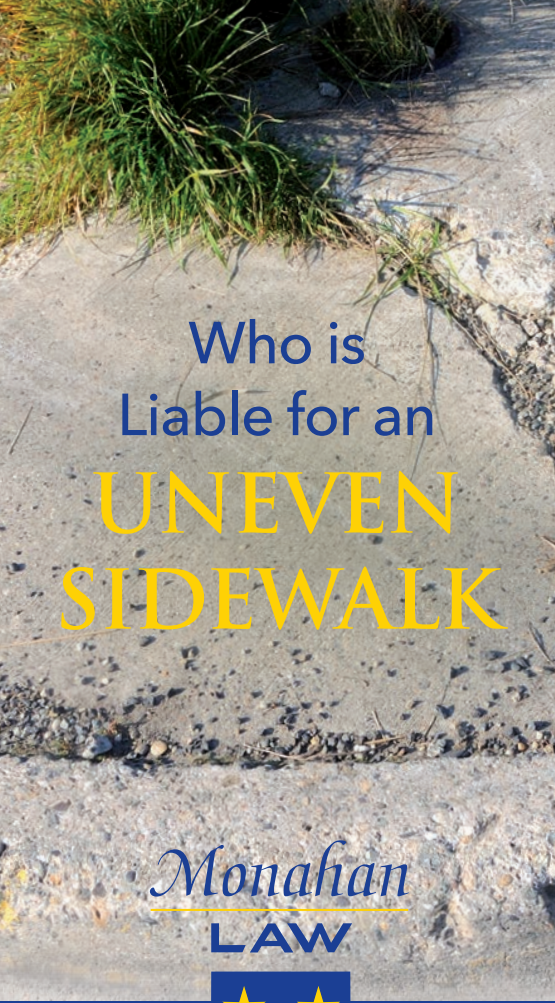


Why Should I

FILE A POLICE REPORT

After an Accident?

Many people wrongly assume that they don't need to file a police report after a minor vehicle accident. Minor or major, a police report is very important to file after any accident if there is a chance you are going to pursue compensation. What may seem like a minor injury or minor vehicle damage at the time can end up being much more serious (and expensive). A police report provides an unbiased view of what happened. Having this documentation makes any insurance claim easier and is vital if a lawsuit is filed. Filing a police report is important for the at-fault driver as well. It can provide protection against any exaggerated or faked injury claims. A normal police report will include the date, time and location of the accident. It will detail damage to the vehicle(s) as well as any injuries. It will also contain statements by those involved and any witnesses. To file a report, call the police and cooperate with the officer who responds by answering all questions to the best of your ability. Make sure to get a copy of the report to send to your insurance provider. If you are in an auto accident and have any questions about how to best pursue fair compensation, call our office to schedule a consultation.



Who is Liable for an UNEVEN SIDEWALK

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Do You Really Need UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE?

What would happen if you were hit by a driver who didn't have insurance? You'd probably be stuck footing the bill for vehicle damage and medical expenses caused by them. Uninsured motorist coverage can help cover these bills.

Should you get uninsured motorist coverage and what does it include? Here's everything you need to know.

What is Uninsured Motorist Coverage?

Uninsured motorist coverage will help cover the repair costs and medical expenses when an uninsured driver causes an auto collision. Also called UM coverage, uninsured motorist coverage kicks in when another driver is responsible for damage to your health or vehicle and they don't have the insurance to cover the bills.

An uneven sidewalk may not seem like a big deal until you trip on it. Tripping accidents from cracked or uneven sidewalks can cause back injuries, knee injuries, cuts, bruises and even head or brain trauma. In extreme circumstances, the victim may even experience permanent or life-threatening injuries.

But who is responsible for uneven sidewalk accidents? The answer may surprise you.

Who's to Blame?

The person who is liable for an uneven sidewalk accident depends on where it's located. In some cases negligent property owners are to blame for accidents caused by uneven sidewalks. In other cases city government or municipalities are responsible. Sometimes, more than one entity can be liable.

If a sidewalk is on privately-owned property, such as a house, the property owner is responsible for maintaining their premises. This puts them at fault for injuries caused by an uneven sidewalk. If the sidewalk is public property, the local government or a business might be responsible. In all scenarios you may be able to recover compensation for your tripping accident.

Can I File a Personal Injury Lawsuit for an Uneven Sidewalk Accident?

If you tripped on an uneven sidewalk and suffered severe injuries you might be entitled to compensation.

No matter what type of injury you sustain, you shouldn't be left with hefty medical bills because of someone else's negligence.

To learn how you can receive compensation for your pain and suffering contact our office today. We are here to help.

There are two types of uninsured motorist coverage: uninsured motorist bodily injury coverage (UMBI) and uninsured motorist property damage coverage (UMPD). UMBI covers your pain and suffering, medical expenses and lost wages after a car crash. It will also cover these costs for any passengers in your vehicle at the time of the crash. UMPD pays for vehicle repair costs or other property damage caused by an uninsured driver.

Uninsured motorist coverage should not be confused with underinsured motorist coverage. While they both cover the same expenses after a crash, uninsured motorist coverage pays out after an accident with an at-fault uninsured driver. Underinsured motorist coverage is reserved for accidents with an at-fault driver who has insurance but not enough to cover all of the costs.

Should You Get Uninsured Motorist Coverage?

It is a smart idea to purchase uninsured motorist coverage. This coverage is more affordable than other types of insurance and can save you thousands in medical and property damage fees.

For more peace of mind on the road opt for uninsured motorist coverage.





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I HATE TO BRAG ... But I'm Just Saying

Successful personal injury cases must be prepared as if you expect to go to trial. That is why hiring a personal injury attorney who only settles cases and never takes them to trial will never get the best result for his client.

We take on and prepare every personal injury case assuming that it will be necessary to try the case before a Judge or Jury to a conclusion. That means conducting the proper investigation, hiring the right experts, knowing the law, and having real life experience trying cases.

I have been handling trials in both State and Federal Court for 44 years. I am Board Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, the only organization recognized by the American Bar Association to grant such certification. I have also been recognized by Martindale-Hubbell with an AV Rating for the Highest Possible Rating in Both Legal Ability & Ethical Standards Reflecting the Confidential Opinions of both fellow Members of the Bar and the Judiciary.

Here are examples of my successful results over the past two years:

- ▶ **\$700,000** settlement before Mediator for sexual abuse of a minor at a mental health facility.
- ▶ **\$300,000** settlement for mentally disabled client where mental health facility failed to prevent assault by one of its patients.
- ▶ **Over \$4.7 Million in Pennsylvania Clergy Sexual Abuse Reparation Program for 20 clients.**
- ▶ **\$300,000** verdict in Monroe County truck accident case for pain & suffering only.
- ▶ **\$750,000** combined policy limits settlement in truck accident case against trucking company and client's own underinsured motorist insurance coverage where there had been zero (\$0) offer for five years.
- ▶ **\$300,000** policy limits settlement of defendant and underinsured motorist insurance coverage for Chester County lawyer where there was no property damage to either vehicle.
- ▶ **\$450,000** policy limits settlement for 21-year-old college student who sustained mild traumatic brain injury after four years with no offer.
- ▶ **\$550,000** policy limits settlement for motorcyclist who had already lost one leg in a prior accident for a broken ankle and destruction of his prosthetic.

How to Teach Your Child to SAFELY INTERACT WITH ANIMALS

It's a fact – kids love animals! Whether it's their tiny pet hamster or a cartoon lion they saw on TV, children are naturally drawn to animals. That's why it's important to teach your kids how to safely interact with animals from a very young age. This ensures both your child and the animal stay safe.

Here are three easy ways to teach your youngsters how to stay safe around animals.

1. Always Ask an Owner Before They Pet a Dog

Not all people love dogs, just as not all dogs love people. This may be because of poor socialization or past abuse. To protect your child from a potential dog bite, teach them to say hello to the owner before they say hello to their dog. Educate them on the importance of asking an owner if their dog is friendly before they approach the animal to pet it.

2. Never Approach Wild or Stray Animals

While a fox or racoon may look cute and cuddly, they are actually wild animals that could harm your children. Tell your kids that it's never safe to approach or pet stray or wild animals, even if it's a stray kitten. These animals could bite, scratch or even be diseased.

3. Give Them Pet Responsibilities

If your child is old enough, consider giving them some pet-related responsibilities. These can include feeding the dog or grooming the cat. Always supervise your kids and show them the proper ways to feed, pet, walk and play with their pets.

Animal safety begins at home. To prevent your kids or pets from getting injured, teach your children how to interact with animals properly. If you or a family member has been injured by someone's pet, call our office. We are here to help.



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