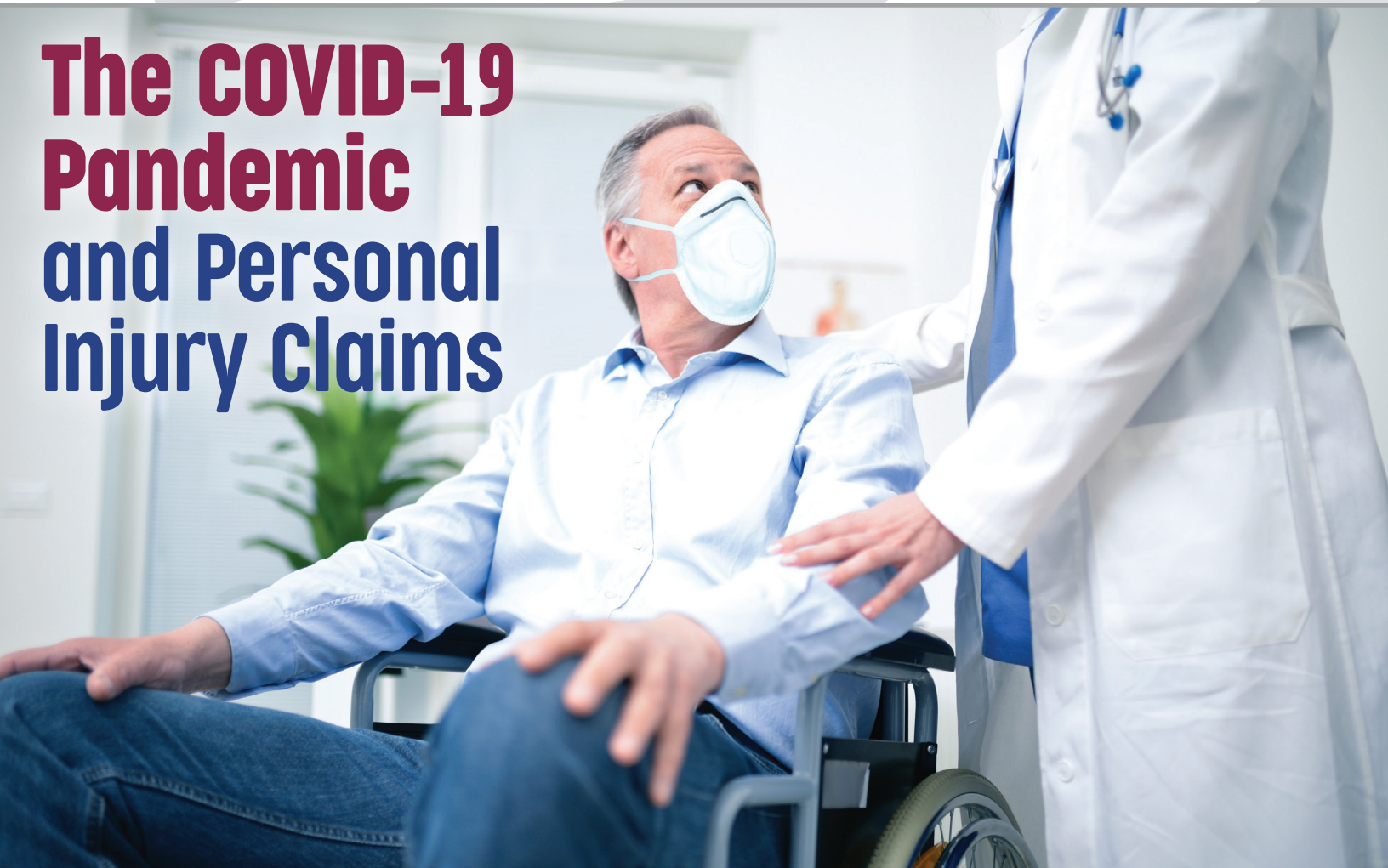


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The COVID-19 Pandemic and Personal Injury Claims



While there's never an ideal time to be dealing with a personal injury case, the moment we're living through now with the COVID-19 pandemic might just go down as one of the most challenging. It can feel overwhelming. Just as the impact of the virus has been felt far beyond hospitals to childcare, education, and small business, it's also sent shockwaves through the legal system.

First, it's important to emphasize that personal injury claims are still moving forward, whether an accident has just happened or you've already filed. You don't have to wait to file a personal injury claim. While you may be doing it by phone or video conference, you should still move forward with any legal action. Don't delay.

Limitations to Treatment

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to spread across the country, hot spots are cropping up daily. And Texas is currently right at the epicenter. That may mean that treatment or follow-up treatment for personal injury cases may need to be scheduled with some warning and some flexibility. Hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and doctors' offices are implementing safeguards to protect patients from exposure to COVID-19. You should not skip necessary medical treatment, rehabilitation, or other recovery medical services because of the pandemic. This may be essential to your case and, more importantly, to your long-term health.

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We will miss you

I want to tell you story about a 10-year-old boy who managed to escape Vietnam with his family at the end of the war. This little boy came to the United States, worked so hard to live the American Dream and accomplished more than anyone thought possible.

Tam Pho grew up in Virginia. While still in high school he won (yes won) a national rocketry championship that would foreshadow his future. As a brilliant rocketry expert, an avid distance runner, and a proud American looking to give back to the country that took he and his family in and made him one of its own; it was not surprising that Tam sought a coveted position in the Air Force Academy. What is surprising is that a first-generation immigrant, without fortune or influence, was selected for this elite honor. At the Academy, Tam thrived, graduating with a degree in aerospace engineering in 1987 and receiving a commission in the Air Force.



As a young Air Force officer, Tam worked at Cape Canaveral, Florida as the manager of the first Centaur upper stage in the Titan IV Spacelifter program. YES, TAM HAD LITERALLY FULFILLED HIS CHILDHOOD DREAM OF BECOMING A ROCKET SCIENTIST! He retired from the Air Force as a Captain, receiving many awards including the Meritorious Service Medal.

After leaving the Air Force, Tam continued his work as a scientist while testing the Pegasus launch vehicle, helping create an operations control center in Madrid, Spain and eventually started a small aerospace company in Texas that pioneered the Echo Hawk Unmanned Aircraft System and augmented reality smart glasses for head mounted display for pilots. (Did I mention that Tam was a genius?) In addition, he began a business helping small businesses with IT and problem solving. Tam's MacGyver skills were off-the-charts – he would constantly study and tinker with technology until he understood how it worked and conversely, why it was not working. It is at this stage of his life when Tam became my friend and I became

his client. For the last 15 years, Tam was my and my business's IT guy and so much more. He was reliable, honest, and a true friend. Tam was a man of faith, a Christian as evidenced by his walk. He didn't preach, but the way he lived his life and the love he showed others spoke volumes. He was kind, gentle and wise. To the team at the McCraw Law Group, he was more than a vendor; he was a partner and part of our family. In the picture at top, Tam played the role of Reverend Be Good at our firm's murder mystery Christmas dinner last year. He was always up for anything we did and relished being part of us.

A couple of weeks ago I got a call from Felicia, Tam's long-time girlfriend and life partner; that everyone dreads. She told me that Tam had passed unexpectedly from a



heart attack. I immediately felt a pain in my stomach that still will not go away. I had the hard task of telling our staff that a vital part of us was gone. Waves of remembering good things and sadness come and go for all of us. Every time a phone is messed up or a computer glitches, our first thought is to call Tam, but we cannot—I still am having a hard time believing that he is gone. The only thing that comforts me, our Firm Family and Felicia is that we know where he is and know that we will see him again.

Words cannot do justice to what Tam means to us, but I wanted to share a part of him with you. He helped us help many of you. He served and protected you. He deserves to be remembered and honored for the way he served, the way he lead a life of excellence and faith and for the friend he was to so many. We love you Tam Pho -- genius, patriot, and wonderful friend.

~ Lin McCraw



CAN U FIND 'EM?

There's many words that pop to mind when you think of July & summertime - 23 of them are listed below, and hidden here →

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Popsicle	Barbeque
Beach	Lemonade
Hot	Grilling
Ice Cream	Baseball
Sunglasses	America
Sprinkler	Fireworks
Vacation	Flag
Flamingo	Celebration
Watermelon	Yankee Doodle
Snorkel	Stars and Stripes
Picnic	Independence
Sandcastle	

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Kudos for McCraw

Upon my first meeting to discuss my case, I knew that I had found the right place to handle it!! Charlie Guinn was fantastic, definitely 5 star all the way! Everything regarding the process and the timing was very well explained. The communication was excellent, and I was always kept up to date throughout from beginning to end! Each person that I had contact with in the office was professional and very responsive. I never had to worry about anything which was a great relief to me. While my case may have not been as complicated as others are, I was always made to feel important. I can't recommend the McCraw Law Group enough should you find yourself being injured from an accident. Do yourself a favor and give them a call!

~ Malia D.

The McCraw Law Group was very friendly and understanding of my case. They were efficient in taking care of what needed to be handled. They communicated with me on an ongoing basis, which I greatly appreciated.

~ Janie L.

Great firm. They are really honest and efficient. Thank you Abby and Jason for all of your hard work through this hard time.

~ Elias G.





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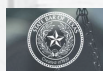
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Insurance

During the global pandemic, many insurance offices have been closed or are working with reduced or remote staff. That will likely slow down claim processing and is something you should take into consideration as you map out your case's timeline. Insurance companies may also be more interested in denying claims in these times when they may be facing their own financial struggles. They may force more clients to engage in a back-and-forth, repeatedly asking for documentation—fighting a war of attrition with claimants who simply run out of steam trying to get the insurance company to cover an injury. Insurance companies may increase the pressure on encouraging you to settle. It's important to keep a clear perspective on this. Securing the help of a legal professional may just be critical in these cases.

Legal Timeline

If you do seek legal help and your case goes to court, what can you expect? The Supreme Court of Texas is still working during the pandemic via videoconferencing. Legal offices, including ours, are open and offer virtual consultations.

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