

Personal Injury Attorney in Macon Assists People Seriously Injured as a Result of a Dog Bite

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Kenneth S. Nugent, P.C. - Macon, a law firm based in Macon, GA, is ready to assist people who have been bitten by a dog and have suffered serious injuries get the compensation they deserve in Macon and neighboring areas. A dog bite can actually cause serious injuries, such as scars, broken bones, permanent disfigurement, and even death. The dog owner may be held liable for the injuries if it can be shown that the dog was dangerous or vicious but the owner failed to take the necessary steps to restrain the dog and prevent the attack.

In the state of Georgia, a modified one bite rule is followed. This means that aside from the dog being considered to be vicious after it has bitten a person or an animal in the past, it is also regarded as "vicious" if the owner failed to keep the dog on a leash or the attack was unprovoked. The dog may also be considered as "vicious" when it shows behavior that seem to be aggressive. These may include: aggressive barking; excessive growling or snarling; charging at people or animals; and attempting to get away from the owner to attack another person.

Dog bites happen frequently as indicated by statistics in the US. In 2016, there were 4.5 million dog bites, although 81 percent of those bites did not cause injuries. Those who suffered injuries can get the assistance of a personal injury lawyer. This attorney will: determine the full extent of the injuries caused by the dog bite; collect evidence to develop a strong case; identify the liable parties; compute a reasonable compensation for the damages; and negotiate a settlement and represent the dog bite victim in court if necessary.

Aside from dog bites, there are other causes of personal injury that may have been due to the negligence of another person. These include: bicycle accidents, workplace accidents, auto accidents, medical malpractice, nursing home abuse, defective products, construction accidents, and more.

Defective products can be dangerous and even deadly. Product defect cases often result in serious injury or even death for the product user. The product liability laws in Georgia hold the manufacturer or those in the chain of production responsible for products that fail to comply with their intended use. Product liability claims

in Georgia can be based on negligence or strict liability. In strict liability, there is no need to prove the negligence or fault of the defendant but it must be shown that: the defendant was the manufacturer of the product; the product's defect resulted in the injury; and the product was already defective when it left the control of the manufacturer.

It is also important to note that the product defect may either be a manufacturing defect or a defective design case. In a manufacturing defect case, it must be shown that while the product was designed to be safe, something had gone wrong during the manufacturing process that resulted in an unsafe product. In a defective design case, it must be shown that the product is unreasonably dangerous because the risks that are inherent in the product design outweigh the benefits offered by the product. The court will usually find out if the manufacturer could have utilized a reasonable alternative design that would have been safer.

Medical malpractice can also result into injuries. A lawsuit involving medical malpractice is typically complex in the state of Georgia as in many other states. First of all, the medical and legal issues in such cases have been known to be complicated. Second, the injured patient usually has to abide by one more procedural rules that are unique for such kind of lawsuits. And finally, the injured patient has to know how statutory compensation limits will impact the case. Thus, it is vital to consult with an experienced personal injury attorney who can handle such cases.

When requiring the services of a personal injury attorney Macon GA residents can check out the Kenneth S. Nugent, P.C. - Macon website, or contact them through the phone or via email.

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