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CAR ACCIDENT – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. **Question:** Will my automobile insurance premiums increase if I make a claim?

Answer: Your insurance premiums may increase, depending upon the language of your insurance policy, if and only if the accident is deemed to be your fault. If the accident is your fault your insurance premiums may increase even if no claim is brought. However, if the accident is not your fault, your insurance premiums will not increase, irrespective of the type of claim you make: medical benefits, lost wages, property damage, personal injury, uninsured and / or underinsured. Even if the accident is your fault your premiums may not increase if you have an insurer who offers accident forgiveness or similar program, depending upon the language of your insurance policy.

2. **Question:** How much is my claim worth?

Answer: Regrettably, I cannot provide an answer to this question. The value of every claim is determined on a case by case basis. Factors which determine the value of a case are: The nature and extent of your injury; how the injury affects your lifestyle; and if you are partially at fault for the accident. There are also innumerable intangible factors such as how the fact-finder judge, jury or arbitrators view you as well as the defendant.

3. **Question:** How long will my case take?

Answer: There is no set time limit for a case. The development of your case should take less than one year. Of course, there may be circumstances which will prolong the resolution of your case. Once a case is fully developed, the Court will set a date; in some venues this date is pre-determined when the Complaint is filed. This may take some time depending upon the Court's backlog. However, most motor vehicle cases should be fully resolved in 6 months to 18 months.

