



Attorneys for personal injury, long-term disability denial, medical malpractice.

# A TRACK RECORD OF EXCELLENCE

Our mission at Nelson Langer Engle (NLE) is to help our clients put their lives back on track. We know that if you've been seriously injured or are dealing with a long-term disability, duelling with insurance companies is a difficult additional challenge.

You need treatment, support, and guidance through one of the most traumatic events of your life. That's why you need an attorney with the experience, compassion, and resources to provide that support. We can help you get back to living your life the way you want to live it.

For more than 30 years, the seasoned professionals at Nelson Langer Engle (NLE) have earned a solid reputation for aggressive case development and successful resolution. NLE has built an admirable track record in litigation, settlements and restorative justice for our clients.

We have successfully represented numerous individuals and their families, including Brandon Schultz, the former Anacortes High School student who helped focus the national spotlight on a devastating brain injury known as Second Impact Syndrome. The settlement that NLE secured for Schultz went beyond an excellent financial outcome to include funding for his mother to conduct education seminars about the dangers of concussion in sports. NLE has developed the specialized expertise necessary to help brain injury survivors, and has done so repeatedly.

Our success in and out of the courtroom is based on a combination of legal expertise, knowledge of insurance law and the claims process, and an in-depth understanding of medical issues including appropriate treatment and care. As a result, we consistently achieve superior results for clients by seeing the whole picture.

# FOCUSING ON CLIENT NEEDS

With our deep knowledge of the insurance industry, we can significantly decrease the burdens placed on you by the claims process. And that's just the beginning.

Your most fundamental goal is maximum medical recovery. In addition to managing the ins and outs of the legal process, the entire NLE team stays attentive to your physical, emotional, and financial needs at every step.

We take the time to listen to you, and then provide sound advice to maximize your opportunities for fair and just compensation. We have in-depth expertise on medical issues, and we know how important it is to have someone who will listen to you and help promote your medical recovery. NLE understands that medical needs can last a lifetime, and we manage your case accordingly.

We know how to make the Insurance Fair Conduct Act work for you. We know that you pay insurance premiums so that, if tragedy strikes, you will be protected. Unfortunately, not all insurance companies treat their policyholders fairly. It is our job to see that they do. Our expertise in insurance law and our ability to navigate complex procedures allows us to blow away the smokescreens, hold insurance companies accountable, and make them honor their promises to pay you the benefits you are due.

To achieve a just result, you must be able to trust your attorneys to do what is right to help you recover compensation for your injuries or disability. NLE has built its reputation by earning trust hundreds of times. We'll get you the treatment and financial compensation you need to get back to where you were before the accident—or, if that's not possible, we will help you to rebuild your life. When you contact our office, we will meet with you at no charge to discuss your case. You will never need to worry about paying our fees out of pocket. We don't collect a fee unless you win or we settle your case, at which time we are paid out of the proceeds.

# LEADERS IN PERSONAL INJURY AND INSURANCE LAW

NLE offers deep expertise in personal injury and insurance law with special emphasis on claims involving:

- Catastrophic Personal Injury
- Medical Malpractice
- Long-Term Disability Denial
- Life Insurance Denial
- Insurance Bad Faith

When you've suffered personal injury, our attorneys stand up to the insurance company on your behalf.

After a car crash or accident, you're expecting an insurance company to come through for you, but in too many cases, that doesn't happen. To an insurance company, your case may just be an opportunity to save money. To us, you're a person in need of help. That's why our attorneys will work hard to get you the benefits and compensation you need.

**We take care of you from beginning to end.**

We'll gather evidence to prove your claim, coordinate and combine insurance benefits, negotiate with insurance companies on your behalf, and, if necessary, take your case to trial. That way, you can focus on what really matters—your recovery. Let our attorneys deal with the insurance companies while you heal.

**Your settlement should match your long-term needs.**

NLE is one of the nation's leading personal injury law firms handling long-term, debilitating injuries, including traumatic brain injury. Insurance companies fight these claims tooth and nail because of the long-term exposure to their bottom line. We fight back.

Our goal is to get you maximum financial compensation, but our work doesn't end there. We put you on a path to recovery. If you have an injury which could have long term consequences, we'll find you the special services and long-term care you need to keep moving forward.

**We can make a difference together.**

To every one of us at NLE, serious injuries and disabilities are personal. Our work for you could well extend beyond your recovery to make a lasting impact for victims in Washington and throughout the United States.

**Fatal injuries, wrongful death and accidental death claims deserve just settlements.**

Losing a loved one is never easy, especially when someone else's carelessness is to blame. Our attorneys will help your family seek justice and provide for the people left behind. Our lawyers can help you file a wrongful death claim or pursue any available accidental death benefits. Nothing can make you whole, but justice can help you heal.

# LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

You've paid your premiums. Now get the coverage you need.

If you've been seriously hurt in an accident or suffered a debilitating illness or injury, you may be disabled for a long time, or permanently. Fortunately, many people have long-term disability policies, either provided by their employer or purchased with their own money. You've paid for that policy, either out of pocket or through deductions from your paycheck, and if you're now disabled, you should begin to receive benefits.

Unfortunately, the reality is much more complex. Insurance companies frequently deny disability coverage, leaving you unable to care for your family, buy groceries or pay your bills. The laws are very favorable to the insurance companies in most cases. The companies routinely deny claims in order to save money and because they think they can get away with it. If you have been injured and your insurance company denied your claim, our disability lawyers can help you get what you need to save your home, pay your bills, and keep your life moving forward.

If you need help getting disability benefits, contact NLE today. Our attorneys have extensive experience handling disability denial and other insurance denial cases. We'll stand up to the insurance company on your behalf. Because we work on a contingency fee basis, you won't have to pay us until the insurance company pays you.

Innovative techniques and experience produce an admirable track record in brain injury cases.

Fifteen years ago, NLE began to educate the public about the devastating consequences of Second Impact Syndrome—a life-threatening type of brain injury. NLE's long-standing commitment to assisting those suffering from all forms of traumatic brain injury has led other attorneys and injured persons to seek our counsel.

Our expertise in this area led to our involvement with the Zackery Lystedt return-to-play and sports concussion case, which was featured on 60 Minutes and The Evening News with Katie Couric.

When a client's life insurance claims were denied for dubious reasons, NLE argued that insurance companies should be held accountable for their wrongful denial of claims. A federal judge agreed that the companies acted in bad faith and ruled that our client was entitled to policy benefits.

NLE successfully argued for new regulations eliminating discretionary clauses in disability policies that deprive insureds of rigorous judicial review and rightful benefits, convincing the



State's Insurance Commissioner to ban such clauses.

In numerous Federal Court disability cases involving brain injury, cancer, multiple sclerosis, lupus, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, and other debilitating conditions, NLE has secured benefits for deserving clients when insurance companies refused to pay benefits owed.

Our success in and out of the courtroom comes from a combination of legal expertise, knowledge of insurance law and the claims process, and an in-depth understanding of medical issues, including appropriate treatment. Let us help you.

# REPRESENTING VICTIMS OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

We all depend on medical providers to take care of our health. Most of the time, that trust is well-placed. However, in too many cases, doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals fail to provide the level of care they should, and serious injuries follow. If that has happened to you, you deserve answers—and fair compensation for what you have lost.

At NLE, we are committed to representing victims of medical malpractice, especially patients who have sustained injuries to the brain or spine as a result of a healthcare provider's negligence. With longstanding connections in the medical community and extensive experience representing victims of long-term, disabling injuries, we know how to help injured patients get the compensation and services they need to rebuild their lives.

Our experienced injury lawyers can advocate for the full extent of damages which must be covered. Injuries to the brain or spinal cord, for example, tend to require long-term care and services which may cost hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars. Our attorneys know how to thoroughly investigate those losses, present a strong case for the full compensation you will need in negotiations or before a jury, and coordinate benefits and utilize alternate settlement vehicles when needed to maximize your recovery.

Beyond those medical expenses, compensation is also needed for your lost future income, lost quality of life and other significant losses. We have the medical knowledge necessary to prove those cases, and the legal skills to make your case convincingly.



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