

Maximizing Monetary Recoveries For Traumatic Brain Injury

An extensive knowledge of neuroscience and a fierce dedication to his clients leads Michael Flomenhaft, founder of The Flomenhaft Law Firm, PLLC, to recover millions of dollars for victims of brain injury, spinal injury, and severe chronic pain.

Roger T (not his real name) never saw it coming: While stopped at a red light, he was rear-ended by a pickup truck, whiplashing his head and neck. At the ER, Roger received a standard CT scan. “They told me everything was normal and sent me home,” he recalls. “But I never felt ‘normal’ again.” Soon, the otherwise healthy man began having trouble concentrating at work. He became easily confused, frustrated, and angered. He couldn’t sleep and lost interest in activities and friendships. Concerned that Roger might never work again and would need long-term care, his family hired the best attorney they could find. But with a “normal” medical report and brain CT and MRI imaging revealing no visible impairment, there wasn’t much hope for the case.

Then, Roger’s physician urged him to contact The Flomenhaft Law Firm, PLLC, which concentrates on representing clients suffering from concussion and other brain injury or severe chronic pain from motor vehicle collisions, construction accidents, falls, or medical malpractice. Soon, Roger was



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now undergoing the kinds of tests that showed why his brain was not working as before. This new information explained the drastic changes in Roger’s thinking and personality. It also foretold of the challenges Roger and his family would face and what their future financial needs would be. What Roger’s prior attorney thought was a small case amounted ultimately to a multimillion-dollar recovery.

“My clients realize they are talking to someone who understands,” says Michael Flomenhaft. “They are typically told that because their CTs or MRIs are normal, nothing serious has happened. But in most cases, conventional imaging cannot show the

microscopic brain damage that trauma inflicts. Nor are most neurologists trained to assess the mental impairments resulting from this microscopic damage.”

From One Injury, a Cascade of Pain and Disability

Since pain ultimately occurs in the brain, from a neuroscience perspective, severe chronic pain can inflict brain damage regardless of whether the head was injured. Flomenhaft explains that “there’s a strong link between chronic pain and its harmful effect on the brain. Whether coming from the spine, limbs, or elsewhere in the body, severe chronic pain can cause brain cells to die, leading to brain atrophy and eventual mental decline. Adding to that, many of the drugs used to treat chronic pain can diminish mental function even more.”

Flomenhaft adds that exploring these issues, educating the court, and helping his clients understand the medical and scientific issues that have derailed their lives is the mission of the Flomenhaft Law Firm, PLLC.

“It would be very rare for a client to leave here without feeling that finally, their hardships have been understood.”

One reason for Michael Flomenhaft’s success is his focus on neuroscience. “I realized early on that medicine can’t always explain the changes my clients have endured. My quest to understand led me to neuroscience. Medicine answers the question, ‘What is the diagnosis and the appropriate treatment?’ Neuroscience answers other crucial questions for my clients, such as, ‘How has a brain injury changed my client’s brain? Why are those changes so incapacitating?’”

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