Lunch-and-Learn: Injury Issues Hiding in Your Practice

An approximately 60-minute session for attorneys and staff in family law, criminal defense, workers' compensation, estate planning, immigration and general practice. Practical, no sales pitch, and built around the deadlines that quietly end injury claims.

Format	Details
Length	About 60 minutes, including Q&A
Audience	Attorneys, paralegals and intake staff outside personal injury
Delivery	In person at your office or association, or by video. English or Spanish.
Cost	Free
To book	(888) 977-2238 or newclient@bdinjury.com

Agenda

01 **Where injury claims hide (10 min).** The divorcing spouse hurt in a crash last year. The criminal defense client who was the victim of a DUI driver. The injured worker hit by a delivery truck. The estate client whose parent died after a fall at a care facility. Short, anonymized scenarios.

02 **The deadlines that bite first (15 min).** Government claims within 6 months (Gov. Code § 911.2) and suit within 6 months of a written rejection (§ 945.6). The general 2-year personal injury deadline (Code Civ. Proc. § 335.1). Minors: tolling until 18, except for government claims (§ 352(b)). Uninsured motorist: suit, agreement or certified-mail arbitration demand within 2 years (Ins. Code § 11580.2(i)).

03 **Workers' comp plus a third-party claim (5 min).** Filing for workers' compensation does not bar a claim against a third party who is not the employer (Lab. Code § 3852). Where this usually shows up: vehicle crashes on the job, construction sites, defective equipment.

04 **Evidence that disappears (10 min).** Surveillance video overwritten in days, vehicle data, witness contact information, photos. The DMV SR-1 report due within 10 days when anyone is injured or killed, or property damage to any one person exceeds $1,000 (Veh. Code § 16000).

05 **Referring the right way (5 min).** Rule 1.5.1 fee division: written agreement between lawyers, the client's written consent after full written disclosure, and no increase in the total fee. Rule 7.2(b): no payment for recommendations.

06 **Q&A (10 min).**

Learning objectives

- Recognize injury claims that surface in non-injury matters
- Identify the deadlines that run out first, especially government claims
- Know what to collect and preserve before the evidence disappears
- Understand how California co-counsel referrals and fee division work

Take-home materials

- [ ] Attorney Referral Kit with the two-minute injury screener
- [ ] California Auto Claims Quick Reference, which includes a deadline chart
- [ ] Glovebox accident card in English and Spanish for their clients

Sources: Gov. Code §§ 911.2, 945.6; Code Civ. Proc. §§ 335.1, 352; Ins. Code § 11580.2; Lab. Code § 3852; Veh. Code § 16000; Cal. Rules of Prof. Conduct, rules 1.5.1, 7.2. Checked September 2026. B&D Law Group, APLC, 10700 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA. Attorney advertising. Informational only, not legal advice.