



NEVADA ATTORNEY FOR INJURED WORKERS

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REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT

The Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers (NAIW) is a State agency established by the Nevada State Legislature to represent injured workers to ensure a fair hearing procedure.

NAIW handles only workers' compensation industrial insurance matters. It does not handle union matters, Social Security matters, employer-employee disputes, or collection actions. These matters are not within our jurisdiction.

NAIW will attempt to aid you in your appeal. However, you must recognize that you would not be here unless your case involved some problem. This office will make every effort to have the problems with your case resolved in your favor. Please note the following:

1. NAIW will represent you only on the issues ruled upon by the Hearings Officer, and stated in the Hearings Officer decision. Your claim may involve other issues. ***For example, the Hearings Officer may have decided that your claim should be closed, and you have appealed. At the same time, the insurance company may have sent you a letter stating you are not entitled to rehabilitation. This denial of rehabilitation is a separate issue, and you must appeal this issue on your own if you do not agree.*** If at any time while being represented by NAIW you receive a determination letter on a new or related issue, you must appeal it to preserve your rights. ***Be sure to provide a copy to your NAIW attorney as soon as possible.***
2. ***In handling your case, every effort will be made to proceed as quickly as possible. But, if additional evidence needs to be obtained, some delay will occur. Every attempt will be made to minimize the delay; however, this office cannot present a case without having the necessary evidence.***
3. NAIW does not pay money nor does it authorize care. Should you win your case, or if it is settled by stipulation, do not expect immediate payment. Various signatures are required, and it takes time to obtain them. It also takes time to calculate the benefits which may be due. NAIW can only attempt to move the papers along. Your patience is required.
4. If you lose your case, the law provides for a further appeal to the district court. NAIW has discretionary authority to handle district court appeals and considers representation on appeal on a case by case basis. This office does not appeal most cases. You will receive written notice of our decision to appeal. Should this office choose not to represent you on appeal, you may obtain private counsel or proceed on your own behalf. NAIW will advise you of your appeal rights and time requirements.
5. You are responsible for keeping this office informed of your whereabouts and/or any change of your address. If you do not, you may not receive important notices. If our office is unable to contact you, the attorney appointed to represent you will make a motion to the court to withdraw from representing you.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND AGREE TO THE TERMS SET FORTH ABOVE.

DATED: _____ SIGNED: _____

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