

Speaker 1:

I was never really worried about being in an accident before this. Now, I do get a little apprehensive at times when cars are around or speeds are higher, things of that sort, that an accident could occur and you just never know what other people are going to do or what could happen.

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I was driving and got hit from behind in the local area on a Saturday afternoon by a drunk driver. My car did a 180 over a median and the other car four times, and then that driver came out of the sunroof. My daughter and I were in the car, teetering between the median on both sides of the road. It was very scary.

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When I got into the accident, I immediately called family. We just done meeting my daughter's grandparents and they actually have used Keith before and they called him immediately while I was in transit to the hospital. The main thing that was shared was just make sure that you follow through on all the recommendations and take care of yourself, and that it was not a good idea to close until you felt like you were to a point where you felt as healthy as you could be. I took that very seriously and that's why I ended up having to go to multiple doctors and get opinions and that kind of thing, to make sure that everything was good. My daughter, she was afraid of red cars, always wanted to talk about the accident. She would talk about this red car hit us and then scared of other cars. If there's accident or sirens, that would get her upset and she would cry. I'd have to reassure her when we were driving past another accident, that kind of thing. It was a lot for her, at such a young age, to have to go through.

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We went to trial for my daughter and we did not go to trial for myself. It was a little nerveracking, but at the same time it was like she deserves everything as well in regards to the impact that it had on her, especially with the trauma. I really wanted to be her advocate and make sure that I spoke on her behalf, because they did consider her coming in and I did not want to put a five-year-old on the stand two years after an accident to speak on that.

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Keith was awesome. I'm very calm, but when they wanted to go toe-to-toe on the rights and wrongs, he did an amazing job in being an advocate for our family. It turned out great. We did have to go back and forth quite a bit, but I think it was for the benefit of all of us in the end, so I'm happy with how it all settled out. Working with Keith has been really easy. He's always available, I can reach out and ask questions. This is my first real accident that I've had to have a lawyer for, so I've had a lot of questions and he's been very forthcoming with helping me get through to the steps of this process. He's been very drawn out, but at the same rate, he's been very supportive and explains everything every step of the way.