



Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Cases

A traumatic brain injury is an injury that affects how the brain works. It can be caused by a blow or jolt to the head, an object penetrating the skull, or even by motion, such as a fall or whiplash in a car accident. There are many types of TBI. Even so-called “mild” TBIs or concussions can have serious life-long impacts. A TBI can change nearly every aspect of a person’s life. The effects are often unpredictable, vary in severity, and can last a week or even a lifetime.

Short-Term Impacts

Immediately after a TBI, victims may experience:

- Headaches, dizziness, blurred vision, or nausea
- Fatigue and sleep disturbances
- Memory gaps and difficulty concentrating
- Irritability, anxiety, or mood swings
- Trouble with balance or coordination
- Ringing in the ears

Long-Term Impacts

For moderate to severe injuries, or even repeated mild TBIs, the consequences can be lifelong:

- **Cognitive Difficulties:** Problems with long and short-term memory, focus, planning, and decision-making, attention and concentration difficulties, and executive function impairments.
- **Communication Struggles:** Trouble finding words, aphasia (inability to express thoughts clearly), tracking and participating in conversations, or processing information and understanding spoken/audio content.
- **Emotional and Personality Changes:** Mood swings, depression, anxiety, personality shifts, irritability, impulsivity, social withdrawal, poor judgment, emotional outbursts, loss of empathy, increased anger and frustration.
- **Physical Challenges:** Chronic pain, headaches, seizures, vertigo, sensitivity to light or noise, sensory disturbances.
- **Medical Complications:** Increased risk of dementia, Parkinson’s disease, or other neurological conditions.

Impact on Work, Family & Daily Life

- **Employment:** Many TBI survivors cannot return to their former jobs, or must reduce hours, switch careers, or stop working entirely, creating financial hardship.
- **Hobbies and social life:** Activities once enjoyed (sports, travel, music, reading) may be impossible or frustrating, causing loss of identity and independence.
- **Relationships:** Marriages, parenting, and friendships can suffer under the stress of personality changes, fatigue, unpredictability and caregiving responsibilities.
- **Future planning:** Ongoing medical care, therapy, and supervision may be needed indefinitely, requiring life-care plans and long-term financial security.

Complexity of TBI Cases

Invisible injuries need visible proof, and most TBIs don't show up on a standard CT scan or MRI. Memory problems, headaches, light/noise sensitivity, mood changes, slowed thinking, and fatigue can be delayed or even fluctuate. Building a TBI case means translating these lived symptoms into proof a jury understands and that an insurance company cannot refute.

Experts are necessary. Serious TBI cases typically require a coordinated team of specialists to document injury, causation, and life impact, and will typically include: neurologists, physiatry, neuropsychology, neuroradiology, life-care planners, vocation experts, and economists, to name a few. These experts help explain how even a mild TBI can cause very real, chronic (long-term) problems, even if outwardly you look "normal."

Compensation in a TBI Case

You may be entitled to recover for:

- Medical care (hospital, specialists, therapy, medications) and future care needs
- Wage loss
- Pain and suffering and loss of quality of life
- Household/replacement services and other out-of-pocket costs (exact categories depend on case type: auto, premises, trucking, product, medical negligence, etc., and whether No-Fault/PIP applies)

Why Choose Us?

- **Deep TBI focus:** We routinely handle complex concussion and brain-injury litigation - from car, motorcycle, and trucking crashes to premises and corporate negligence. Dave Christensen, our founder, is an expert in TBI cases after 30+ years in practice.
- **Trial Horsepower:** Insurers know we will absolutely try a case. We build TBI cases for the courtroom from day one, which often drives better settlements.
- **Expert Network:** We work with the nation's top neurologists, PM&R physicians, neuropsychologists, neuroradiologists, life-care planners, and economists.
- **Client Care:** Clear communication, help coordinating care, and guidance for families navigating the day-to-day realities of traumatic brain injury.

Traumatic Brain Injury cases are complex and challenging. Your attorney should have deep experience with winning these cases in court. There is too much at stake.

Disclaimer: *The outcome of a particular matter can depend on a variety of factors—including the specific factual and legal circumstance that may come to light during initial investigation.*