

Agenda

Understanding Georgia Personal Injury Law The development of personal injury law in Georgia Statutes and regulations that affect liability law An overview of liability law in different types of personal injury cases • Automobile accident • Slip-and-fall • Medical malpractice • Product liability The law of damages Recent developments and anticipated changes in Georgia law	<i>M. Frieder</i>
Investigating and Evaluating a Personal Injury Claim Obtaining information from/about the plaintiff Using (and not using) investigators Identifying and locating parties and witnesses Investigating/documenting the incident Interviewing witnesses Obtaining information on damages Identifying and obtaining other relevant information Helpful resources	<i>R. Locke</i>
Negotiating, Mediating, and Settling Personal Injury Cases Creating comprehensive and effective settlement brochures Preparing for and assisting with the negotiation process Preparing for and assisting with mediation	<i>M. Rafi</i>
Litigating Personal Injury Cases Drafting, filing and serving initial pleadings Participating in the discovery process • Drafting admissions, interrogatories and requests for production of documents • Responding to discovery requests Deposition practice: preparing for, attending and reviewing Working with expert witnesses Preparing for and assisting at trial	<i>M.E. Perez</i>
Assisting with Medical Issues in Personal Injury Cases Obtaining and reviewing medical records Finding and working with medical experts	<i>D. Champion</i>
Hospital Liens and Personal Injury Cases How to verify perfected hospital liens What is hospital lien is not valid Caselaw update regarding compliance with OCGA 44-14-470	<i>D. Nagel</i>

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

- Identify** the statutes and regulations that affect personal injury law.
- Explore** injuries and liability that arise from automobile accidents, medical malpractice, product liability and slip-and-fall incidents.
- Investigate** and evaluate personal injury cases.
- Assist** with the drafting of initial pleadings, interrogatories and requests for production of documents.
- Obtain** and review medical records, and work with medical experts.
- Verify** perfected hospital liens.



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- Learn** about the development of personal injury law in Georgia
- Understand** how to investigate and evaluate personal injury claims
- Examine** the role of hospital liens in personal injury cases
- Work on** drafting, initial pleadings and responding to discovery requests
- Assist with** negotiation, mediation, and settlement of personal injury cases

Continuing Education Credits

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Faculty

Mia Frieder *Partner at Hilley & Frieder, P.C.*
Ms. Frieder focuses her practice primarily on personal injury and medical malpractice litigation. She places particular emphasis on surgical errors, hospital negligence, the failure to diagnose cancer or other diseases, and other forms of medical malpractice. From the firm's offices in Atlanta, where she practices with her husband, Ron Hilley, she provides representation to clients throughout the greater metropolitan area. Ms. Frieder is a lifetime member of the Multi-Million and Million Dollar Advocates Forum, and the National Trial Lawyers Top 25 for Medical Malpractice. She is a multi-year honoree of Super Lawyers, is peer rated AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5.0 through Martindale-Hubbell and has a 10.0 "Superb" peer review rating through Avvo. She is an active member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association where she served on the Executive Council as Chairperson of the Women's Trial Lawyer Caucus and as editor-in-chief of the *Verdict* magazine. Her recent article, "An Obligation to Vet" dealing with negligent credentialing was featured in the August edition of *TRIAL* magazine.

Ryan Locke *Owner at Locke Law Firm, LLC*
Mr. Locke helps people who have been injured and people who have been unfairly convicted from his office in Atlanta. Formerly a public defender, Mr. Locke uses the same passion and relentless advocacy to obtain great results for his clients today. He is also an adjunct professor at Emory University School of Law; hosts a podcast about appellate practice; and maintains comprehensive legal resources on his website for lawyers and the public (including his widely-known guide for using the HITECH Act to get cheap medical records). Mr. Locke graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law and the University of Richmond.

Michael Rafi *Owner at Rafi Law Firm*
Mr. Rafi first worked at Troutman Sanders LLP, an international law firm with more than 600 lawyers. While there, he defended large companies in personal injury and commercial litigation cases, including defending Georgia's largest electric utility company in cases involving commercial vehicles. The firm selected him as its "Legal Aid Fellow," because he fought for low-income individuals whose landlords illegally evicted them or forced them to live in poor conditions. Mr. Rafi still fights for crime victims in Atlanta and throughout Georgia who are injured because of negligence by landlords and property owners. He graduated with honors from the University of Georgia School of Law. While in law school, he was on both the National Moot Court and National Mock Trial Teams. Mr. Rafi gives back each year by helping coach UGA law students in mock trial and moot court. While at Furman, he served as captain of the Mock Trial Team and worked for U.S. Senator Lindsay Graham.

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Michael E. Pérez *Partner at Warshauer Law Group*
Mr. Pérez is the managing partner at Warshauer Law Group, where he represents catastrophically-injured clients in medical malpractice, birth injury and wrongful death cases. He is a board-certified civil practice advocate, a distinction held by approximately 3 percent of American lawyers. He also holds an AV Preeminent rating, the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards. Mr. Pérez was recognized as a Rising Star in 2014 and 2015, and named a Super Lawyer in 2018- 2020. He serves as a board member of the DeKalb County Bar Association, and he serves on the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on Professionalism. He is also a member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, the American Association for Justice and the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association.

Darl Champion *Owner at Champion Firm, P.C.*
Mr. Champion is a dedicated trial lawyer who is passionate about fighting for his clients to ensure that they are fully compensated when they are harmed by someone else's negligence. His philosophy is to provide client-centered representation that is aggressive and thorough so that the client can get the best possible result. In just the last few years alone, he has helped obtain millions of dollars in recoveries for his clients in Atlanta and throughout the state of Georgia. In recognition of his success, the National Trial Lawyers organization has consistently selected Mr. Champion as a Top 100 Trial Lawyer in Georgia, and as a Top 40 Under 40. In each of the last seven years, Georgia Super Lawyers has recognized him as a Rising Star, an honor given to the top 2.5 percent of Georgia lawyers under age 40 or those in practice for ten years or less. Mr. Champion attended Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Georgia. After obtaining his law degree *magna cum laude*, he was honored to serve in a highly coveted federal judicial clerkship with the Honorable Hugh Lawson in the Middle District of Georgia.

Daniel Nagel *Partner at Bader Scott Injury Lawyers*
Mr. Nagel was born and raised in Clayton County, Georgia. He graduated from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School where he served for two years as an editor on the law review. He began his legal career doing public defense work in Henry County where he gained valuable trial experience. He then became an assistant district attorney for the Clayton County District Attorney's Office. There, he conducted jury trials including rape, murder, trafficking, and armed robbery. He was the only attorney to write his own appeals to the Georgia Court of Appeals as well as the Supreme Court of Georgia. Mr. Nagel began his work in personal injury in a small firm in Norcross. There he handled over 1,000 cases from pre-litigation through litigation. He was personally responsible for over 5 million dollars in settlements for clients throughout the state of Georgia. Mr. Nagel began working for Bader Scott Injury Lawyers in October 2018, where he has overseen hundreds of cases.

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