



High Level of Professionalism is the Hallmark of Successful Litigation

“ Kitrick, Lewis & Harris is a class act from start to finish. Attorney Sean Harris earned our trust from the first meeting, and we were impressed by his kindness, understanding, and professionalism throughout the legal process.

With the law firm of Kitrick, Lewis & Harris, they let you know from the outset that you are not out there all alone. The attorneys will guide you through every step of civil litigation and help you through what may be one of the most difficult times in your life. ”

In 2013, Sherrill Massey was running errands in anticipation of the upcoming Christmas holidays when the Volvo station wagon she was driving was hit by a large truck hauling heavy equipment for a local contracting company. When the van that was beside her began to turn left, the truck driver, coming from a side street, evidently thought the road was clear. He smashed into the front end, on the passenger side, of Sherrill’s car. The driver’s-side air bag exploded in her face, stunning her and masking - momentarily - the pain caused by the impact.



Assessing the Damage

The smell emitted by the exploded air bag was so foul that Sherrill couldn’t breathe. She struggled to get out of the car. Dazed from the impact, with some effort she was able to unbuckle the seat belt. With the assistance of another driver who had witnessed the accident and stopped to help, Sherrill was able to exit the car, but when she tried to stand, her left ankle gave way, and she felt an excruciating pain. At the same time, she realized that her left knee was bleeding badly.

Sherrill was driven to the emergency room at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center for assessment and treatment. Her knee had a severe laceration that required eight stitches to close.

The primary damage, however, was to her left ankle. It was fractured in several places, and would require surgery.

What followed was a painful recuperation process. Following surgery in late December, Sherrill was confined to a wheel chair for several weeks. She eventually graduated to a walker, then crutches, and finally a cane while she was healing. Along the way, she spent a week in a rehabilitation facility, receiving therapy twice a day to help her cope with everyday tasks - doing the dishes, folding laundry, taking a bath.





Legal Issues

Following the collision, Sherrill's Volvo was declared a total loss, and her insurance company covered that expense. However, there were mounting medical expenses and Sherrill and her husband knew that they needed legal assistance to come to a fair and equitable settlement with the truck driver who had caused the wreck.

"Until something like this happens to you, you don't have any idea what is involved and how to go about getting restitution," Sherrill said. "There are so many lawyers and ads vying for the opportunity to represent you that it can be quite overwhelming."

Following interviews with several attorneys, a friend finally steered Sherrill and her husband to Kitrick, Lewis & Harris. They wanted to avoid the time and expense involved in a trial, so they enlisted Sean Harris to negotiate for them.

"Sean guided us through every step of the process," Sherrill said. "We were neophytes, but he patiently explained what we could expect, and fully prepared us on the ins and outs of giving a deposition and handling difficult questions."

When all was said and done - after several months of negotiation - Sherrill received full restitution for her medical expenses and she was able to move forward with her recovery without the burden of legal issues hanging over her.

"I was extremely pleased with the professionalism demonstrated by Sean and his team, and gratified that the negotiations came to a successful conclusion," Sherrill noted. "I would highly recommend the law firm to anyone who needs legal assistance. You are in good hands with Kitrick, Lewis & Harris."