THE COMPLETE ACS ARIZONA PERSONAL INJURY PACKAGE

Note: All links live online at sources indicated at bottom of sections.

LINKS TO LIEN LAWS, EXPLANATIONS AND RESOURCES

Arizona Revised Statutes 33-931. Lien of health care provider on damages recovered by injured person receiving services; hospital priority

Arizona Revised Statutes 33-932. Perfecting lien; statement of claim; recording; effect

Arizona Revised Statutes 33-933. Recording and indexing lien claim

Arizona Revised Statutes 33-934. Release of claim by injured person ineffective as to lienholder; action to enforce lien

Arizona Revised Statutes 33-935. Workers' compensation cases exempted

Arizona Revised Statutes 33-936. Release of hospital lien; liability


32.1 – County Liens Valid If Filed Within 30 Days Of Any Date Of Service Related To Accident Including The Last Date: Some attorneys are claiming liens are only valid if filed within 30 days of the first date of service. This is false. A lien is valid if filed within 30 days of any date of service related to the accident including the last date of service.

33 – Sample form for Notice and Claim of Medical Lien: Fill in the blanks with your office information.

34 – Sample form for Release of Medical Lien: Fill in the blanks with your office information.

36 -- Forms: Attorney Lien Form: For use with PI attorneys.


ADDITIONAL LIEN FORMS THAT SHOULD BE FILED IN EVERY CASE – THIRD PARTY, MEDPAY AND UM/UIM CLAIMS

The following Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) liens provide protections above and beyond County Health Care Liens and should be filed in every case with all insurance companies and the attorney. They do not need to be recorded. Read the explanatory article below to understand why these liens are so powerful and valuable.

37 -- Assignment of Health Care Insurance Receivables for Adult Patient: UCC Lien

38 -- Assignment of Health Care Insurance Receivables for Minor Patient: UCC Lien

39 -- Comprehensive Explanatory Article: "Lien Statute Helps Providers to Collect"
TOOLS TO DEAL WITH PI ATTORNEYS

30 – Ethics Opinion 98-06 which requires PI lawyers to pay your bill if they know it exists (constructive knowledge) even if there is no written agreement.

30.1 -- PI -- Letter To Get Attorney To Release Settlement Monies He Has In Hand.pdf: This is the letter to use when you have billed medpay or a PI case has settled and the attorney has the money in hand but refuses to disburse the funds and pay your bills.

31 – Balance Billing in PI Cases: Why balance billing to a third party insurer is almost always allowed in PI cases including citations to legal authorities.

31.1 -- LaBombard Case: Sample letter to send to an attorney who cites this case as a basis for demanding that you pay 1/3rd of your medical bill for legal fees. The Illinois Supreme Court just ruled in favor of providers and against attorneys in a case which you should print and send in as support of your LaBombard letter. Click here for a copy: No common fund fee recovery for health care liens -- Illinois State Bar Association.

HOW TO QUALIFY AS A COURTROOM EXPERT IN CLINICAL BIOMECHANICS

ACS has developed a Position Paper documenting how your chiropractic education has provided you the foundation to be a courtroom expert in clinical biomechanics today. Click here to read the Position Paper. Click here and here to read the key supporting documents. Now, get ready to testify!

HOW TO USE CHIROPRACTIC GUIDELINES TO DEFEND THE CHIROPRACTIC CARE YOU HAVE GIVEN

9.1 -- How To Use Chiropractic Guidelines To Defend The Chiropractic Care You Have Given: These guidelines include the Croft Guidelines for PI cases

SAMPLE REBUTTAL REPORTS TO MD AND DC IME DOCTORS AND BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERS IN LOW SPEED IMPACT CASES

1. Exemplar Rebuttal Reports to MD IME Orthopedic Surgeons in Personal Injury Cases
2. Exemplar Rebuttal Reports to Chiropractic IME Defense Doctors in Personal Injury Cases
3. Exemplar Rebuttal Reports to Defense Biomechanical Engineers in Low Speed Impact Cases
4. Dr. Immerman Offers Expert Witness Services: has qualified 64 times in Arizona courts in chiropractic, clinical biomechanics and accident reconstruction. Currently Postgraduate Faculty Instructor at Parker