

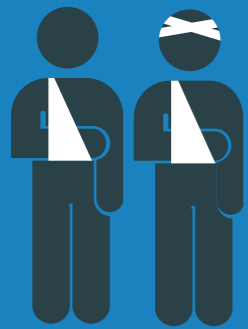


# Personal Injury Lawsuits in the United States

**Personal injuries in the United States are no laughing matter.**

They often involve disputed liability resulting in litigation. Take a look at the number of personal injuries in the United States and the litigation that results.

## PERSONAL INJURIES IN THE UNITED STATES



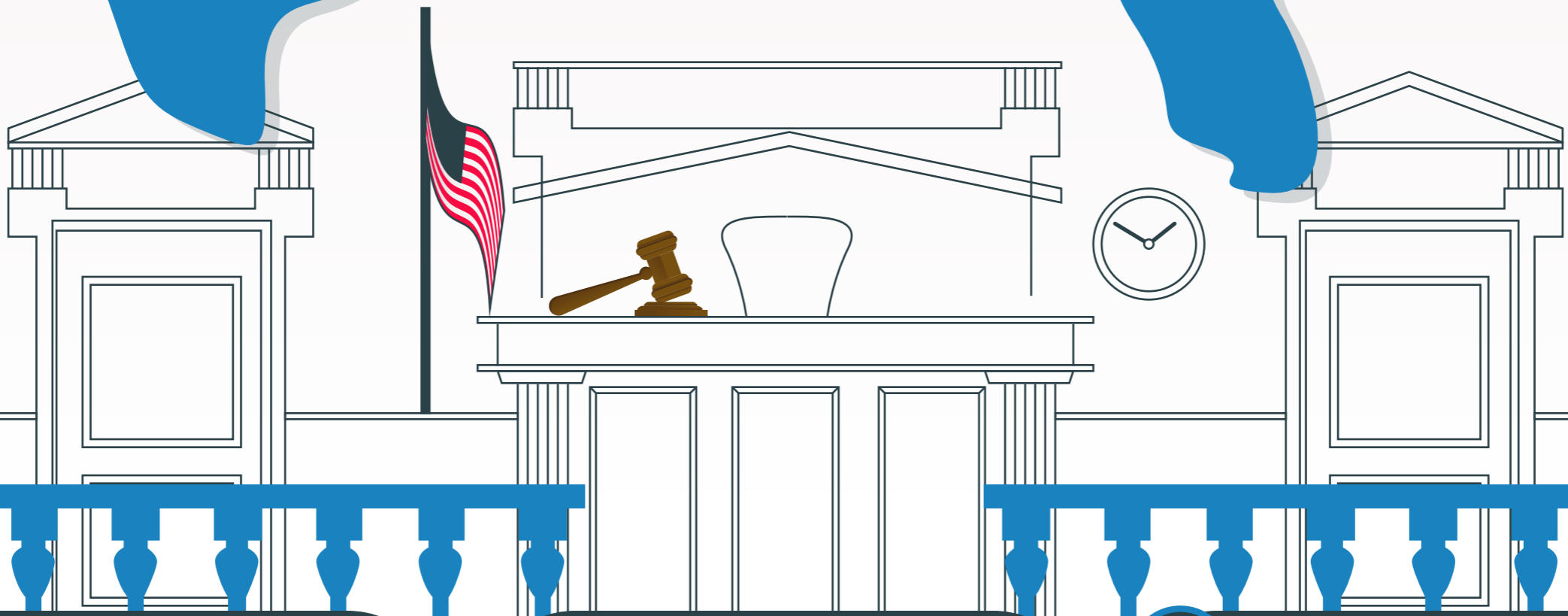
Around **31 million people** are injured each year requiring medical treatment



There are around **5.5 million car accidents** in the country each year.

**Liability is often disputed in these cases.**

When this happens, a personal injury case or other form of litigation may be necessary.



### PERSONAL INJURY LAWSUITS

**60% of all civil lawsuits** are related to some form of personal injury.

This is approximately **410,000 per year.**

**4% of personal injury cases** actually go to trial.

Of cases that actually go to trial plaintiffs are successful in **around 50% of the cases.**



### PERSONAL INJURY LAWSUIT AWARDS

Half of all plaintiffs receive no more than **\$24,000.**

The median award is **\$31,000 for all cases.**

The median award in **motor vehicle personal injury cases** is **\$16,000.**

Intentional tort cases have a **median payout of \$100,000.**

Medical malpractice cases pay out an average of **\$679,000.**



### PERSONAL INJURY LAWSUIT TRIAL LENGTH

The court process for personal injury cases that actually go to trial is incredibly lengthy.

The average tort lawsuit is **23 months.**

The average motor vehicle accident case is **20 months.**

The average **medical malpractice case** is **31 months.**

Settlement times can vary based on the **factors and complexity** of the case.



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