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LEGAL MATTERS



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Jamie practices exclusively in the area of personal injury. Jamie attended McMaster University and completed his Juris Doctorate at Bond University in Queensland, Australia where he graduated in the top 10% of his class. As part of the personal injury division, Jamie would welcome inquiries with respect to all personal injury matters including dog bites, car accidents and slip and falls.

Q *If I have been involved in a car accident how long do I have to sue the at fault party?*

A If you have been involved in a car accident in Ontario, the general rule indicates that you must commence a lawsuit within two years from the date of the accident.

There are two main exceptions to the two year rule. The first exception relates to minors. Generally a minor has two years from the time they turn 18 to start a lawsuit.

A second exception is one where you do not initially know that you were seriously injured as a result of the car accident. In that case you have two years from the time you knew or ought to have known your injury was serious to commence your action. There is an ultimate fifteen year rule that states that after fifteen years whether you knew or not about the seriousness of your injury you will be unable to commence a law suit.

In addition to the two year rule where the condition of a roadway controlled by a City, Region or the Province may have contributed to the accident you must place them on notice within ten days of the accident. In addition to the notice provision of ten days the law suit must still be commenced within two years from the date of the car accident.

When you are injured in an accident, you should take legal action right away. If you don't you may lose your ability to pursue the matter. Contact me at Kelly Greenway Bruce for a free consultation, so I can help you protect your rights.



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