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**LEGAL ISSUES UPDATE**

A prospective client called today seeking representation from an accident where he tripped and fell into a hole on a sidewalk six months ago.

Unfortunately for this person he waited too long for me to help him with his case. A claim against The City of New York must be filed within 90 days after the date of the accident so he could no longer proceed with his claim against them. He also claimed that construction was being done at the time of his accident and that the entire sidewalk had been replaced. Since the hole no longer existed there is no way to prove it was ever there and since this person waited so long to contact me I was unable to send an investigator to the scene to obtain photographs and we could not determine whether the hole had been a long standing defect with the sidewalk or created by the construction. Therefore, even though this person may have had a valid claim since he delayed so long in seeking legal help I was unable to help him with his claim.

Of course, the specific facts of each case may affect the time in which a claim must be filed and when necessary evidence such as the hole will be repaired and no longer available. You should always call my office immediately after an accident for a legal opinion so the specific facts can be considered and the necessary action taken.

I will continue to provide you with updates on legal issues which may affect you or someone you know. If you move please be sure to inform my office of your new address so that you can continue receiving our **LEGAL ISSUES UPDATE**. The success of my law practice depends upon keeping my clients satisfied and informed of their legal rights.

Of course, please remember that if I can ever be of assistance to either you, or someone you know who has suffered injuries from any type of accident or medical malpractice please feel free to call me. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to help you and yours with your personal injury claims. Your referrals are very important to me and will be handled with personal attention. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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