Birth Injury Lawsuits
A Guide
Birth Injury

During the entire childbirth process, parents rely on medical professionals to safely deliver their baby and keep them healthy. This is so important, because childbirth is a complicated and sensitive time, and the smallest mistakes can have serious consequences.

A baby that is harmed during birth can end up suffering severe medical conditions. These can be life-threatening, chronic and debilitating, and/or require lifelong care and treatment. If these conditions were caused by a mistake medical professionals made during childbirth, the parents may be able to file a lawsuit to get compensation for the injury to the baby.

The cost – financially, physically, and emotionally – of caring for a child suffering from birth defects or injuries can be astronomical, and can last a lifetime. If your child is suffering from a birth injury that could have been prevented, we want to help you fight for the compensation you deserve. Call today for a case review.
Lifelong Consequences

Mistakes before, after, or during delivery can result in serious defects or injuries. These include:

- **Improper Forceps Use:** When a mother is having difficulty delivering her child or if the infant is improperly positioned in the womb, the attending physician may use forceps to help the child along. However, doctors have to be extremely careful, as forceps can cause nerve damage in the child's neck or chest, and other, less severe injuries to the head.

- **Improper Vacuum Use:** When the mother is having difficulties expelling the fetus from the birth canal, a vacuum may be needed to assist her. When the vacuum is improperly used, severe injuries to both the mother and newborn can result.

- **Delay in Ordering a Caesarean Section:** Emergency C-sections are ordered if the child is suffering from fetal distress, among other conditions. If the delivery team fails to recognize that the mother needs to have a C-section delivery, they may be liable if their failure to act causes injuries for the mother and/or child.

- **Hypoxia:** Hypoxia is a condition that takes place when the child’s brain is not receiving enough oxygen. During childbirth, hypoxia can be caused by a tangled umbilical cord, infection or damage to the placenta. If hypoxia is not quickly addressed, the child can develop chronic mental and physical disabilities.

All it takes is a little negligence or inattention on the part of the doctors, nurses, or other medical professionals to cause potentially lifelong, negative consequences.

Fighting For Justice

If your child suffered a birth injury that could have been prevented, you could be owed compensation for medical costs and other damages. We want to help you fight to get it.

At Morgan & Morgan, our attorneys have been fighting for people like you for **over 30 years**, and we've recovered **more than $7 billion** for our clients to date. Our clients never have to pay any upfront fees, and the consultation is always free and discreet. You only pay a fee if we win your case.
**FAQ**

**How Do I Know if My Child Was Injured due to Medical Malpractice?**

Because birth injuries can be caused by a number of different and often unavoidable factors, it is important to contact an attorney with experience in this area of law. At Morgan & Morgan, our birth injury lawyers work alongside medical experts to examine and review all the available evidence. If the expert believes that the doctor failed to meet the standard of care when delivering your child, a birth injury lawsuit could be filed.

**What Can I Recover in a Birth Injury Claim?**

When a child suffers a severe birth injury as a result of medical negligence, the family may be entitled to monetary damages. Damages provide compensation for losses suffered as a result of the medical provider’s negligence. Compensation can cover both monetary losses and intangible losses such as a decreased quality of life. Damages for the following may be available in a birth injury lawsuit:

- Past and future medical expenses
- Additional healthcare costs (e.g., occupational therapy, counseling, in-home care, special vehicles or equipment, home modifications)
- Lost wages
- Pain and suffering
- Loss of society and companionship
- Loss of life’s enjoyment

**How Much Does It Cost to Hire a Lawyer?**

It costs nothing upfront to hire us. Morgan & Morgan operates on the contingency-fee basis, which means we only get paid if we successfully resolve your case. Our fees come out of a favorable settlement or jury award, not out of your pocket.
Who We Are

John Morgan founded Morgan & Morgan in 1988. The firm’s first office was located in Orlando, Florida, and was made up of three attorneys, two paralegals, and a receptionist. Over the past 30 years, we’ve been fortunate enough to hire more than 500 attorneys and open 50 offices across the country, empowering us to reach and help even more people. We have a support staff of about 3,000 employees. These paralegals, case managers, case evaluation specialists, receptionists, and more make sure that our clients are taken care of every step of the way.

Our attorneys are dedicated to fighting for the best possible outcome for those who trust us with their cases. With that goal, we’ve won over $7 billion for our clients. These wins represent so much more than just a dollar amount, though. They represent the wellbeing of our clients, which is something we take deep pride in protecting.

“We aim to give more people a chance at justice.”
Practice Areas

Everywhere for Everyone.

- Birth Injuries
- Brain Injuries
- Breach of Warranty
- Burn & Fire Injuries
- Business Litigation
- Business Interruption Claims
- Car, Truck and Motorcycle Accidents
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Civil Rights
- Class Actions & Mass Torts
- Construction Accidents
- Deaf & Disability Rights Unit
- Dog Bites/Animal Attacks
- Employee Rights
- FCRA
- Medical Malpractice
- Mesothelioma
- Negligent Security/Premises Liability
- Nursing Home Abuse
- Product Liability
- Property & Life Insurance and AD&D
- Sex Trafficking
- Slip & Fall
- Social Security Disability
- Spinal Cord Injuries
- Train Accidents
- Veterans’ Benefits
- Whistleblower/Qui Tam
- Workers’ Compensation
- Wrongful Death

Office Locations

Note: We handle cases nationally, working with local counsel in states without our physical presence.
Attorney Growth & Successes

2019
Total Amount Recovered: OVER $1 BILLION

2019
Total Cases Resolved: 50,000

2019
Attorney Growth:
I was able to contact Morgan & Morgan via their online form from the emergency room on the day of my accident. Someone called me the next morning and set up rehab and therapy appointments right away. The following day they came to my home to begin my case. They are swift, professional and customer service-focused. After my accident, I was nervous about driving. I was very grateful that they were so accommodating.

- Z.A., ATLANTA, GA

I couldn’t be happier with the service and the professionalism of your staff. I was very satisfied with the outcome of my case. The team always returned my telephone calls in a timely manner and shared valuable as well as valid information. They were very professional and maintained a positive attitude. I would definitely use your services again if I was faced with a situation that required an attorney or legal advice and I would also refer your agency to others. Although my situation was unfortunate, I was glad to have your team on my side to get me through the difficult times. Again, I say thank you.

- KATHY, MEMPHIS, TN

They are the most caring and personal attorneys you could ever have on your side. They genuinely make you feel like helping you in every way they can is their goal and main priority. I’d highly recommend this firm to anyone in need. They treat you as if you were a part of their family and are always seeking the best for the client.

- JANET, LOUISVILLE, KY

I emailed my questions and concerns and had doubt that anyone would contact me in the next 24 hours. I emailed them around 8:30 pm. I received a call the very next morning and the representative explained that after I answered her questions she would turn it over to a lawyer and then they would contact me. She answered all my questions and concerns. She gave me hope that I did the right thing. She said I should hear something in the next few days after a lawyer has time to review. I will not have to pay anything unless they win a settlement. I will receive all the information soon as to what will happen next. It has been less than 24 hours and everything is set in motion.

- TAMMY, ORLANDO, FL

I would just like to say that, regardless of my injuries and all that I am currently going through daily, my attorney was absolutely wonderful to me as far as listening to my concerns and thoughts and always asking if I needed anything. He made sure that he let me know that I could call him at any time for whatever I wanted to discuss regarding my case! He is a true Godsend and I simply love his attitude and the attention he gives to clients. From day one, this firm has gone above and beyond the call of duty making certain that I was reached out to in a very timely manner. You all ran circles and holes around the first firm! I would recommend you to family, friends, and complete strangers!

- ALICIA, JACKSON, MS

Unbelievably organized, responsive, and probably the most effective process-oriented group of people I’ve ever seen. Their preparation for mediation and trial is beyond comprehensive. Across two cases and three years, not once did anything fall between the cracks. Everyone I came into contact with exemplifies professionalism; they quickly resolved insurance issues and spent time educating me about everything affecting my cases. I trust Morgan & Morgan and I am grateful for everything they did for me. I recommend them without reservation and will miss working with them now that my civil suit is settled.

- JERRI, JACKSONVILLE, FL
At Morgan & Morgan, everything we do — from the cases we take on to our wins in the courtroom — makes an impact. That’s why in 2019, our legal actions, settlements, and verdicts were covered by premier national and international media outlets like The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian, and CNN, as well as local media outlets.

Here are some of our cases that made headlines in 2019.

Restoring Basketball Glory

In 2018, the NCAA imposed a penalty on the men’s basketball team at the University of Louisville (Kentucky) for alleged rules violations. They had their 2013 NCAA tournament win, 2012 Final Four appearance, and individual player statistics vacated and removed from the record.

With the help of John Morgan, our firm’s founder, the team’s players sued the NCAA and last year reached a confidential settlement. The players had all their statistical achievements and personal honors restored.

Coverage appeared on ESPN, Fox Sports, and in the Associated Press, among others.

Morgan & Morgan Attorney Named Cybersecurity MVP

Morgan & Morgan’s John Yanchunis was named a 2019 MVP by Law360 — the premier national legal news service — in recognition of his work protecting the rights of consumers harmed by data breaches.

Last year, John achieved a notable victory when he and his team reached a $117 million settlement with web giant Yahoo after a data breach compromised billions of user accounts.

Major Settlement in MA Gas Explosions Case

In September 2018, a series of explosions ripped through the Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts, towns of Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover. These explosions were caused by excess gas pressure in poorly built, poorly installed, and poorly maintained natural gas lines owned and operated by Columbia Gas of Massachusetts.
More than 40 homes experienced explosions and fires as a result, which caused severe damage and injury, including one death. Morgan & Morgan’s Frank Petosa took the lead in the lawsuit representing the victims, and in July 2019, a $143 million settlement was reached.

Coverage appeared in The Washington Post and The Boston Globe, and was provided by the Associated Press.

**Florida Powerhouse**

Although we’re a nationwide firm, Florida is still Morgan & Morgan’s home base. This year, the firm was recognized for its achievements in the Sunshine State as a Law360 “Florida Powerhouse.”

With over 350 attorneys in the state and more than two dozen offices, Morgan & Morgan has made an indelible name for itself there through litigation and impact.

**Fighting for a Zipline Accident Victim**

A 10-year-old boy from Lakeland, Florida, was seriously injured when his zipline harness disconnected and he fell 20 feet to the concrete below. On behalf of his family, Morgan & Morgan is pursuing legal action against the operators of the zipline facility, alleging employee error due to improper training and safety procedures.

Coverage appeared on the ABC, FOX, NBC, and CNN news channels, among others.

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No matter your financial situation, you deserve the kind of legal representation it takes to go up against hospitals and insurance companies. If your child was harmed by medical negligence, you deserve justice and compensation. We want to help you fight for it.

Morgan & Morgan has been there for the people against the powerful for more than 30 years, and we’ve recovered more than $7 billion to date for clients just like you. Call today. Your case review is always free, and you’ll never have to pay a penny unless we win for you.