

## **EXPLANATION OF CONTINGENT FEE**

Unfortunately, litigation can be expensive. Fortunately, a contingent fee can provide a key to the courthouse to people who otherwise could not afford to pursue their case.

The Law Firm of Carl Kiss handles cases on both an hourly fee basis and a contingent fee basis. If Carl agrees to handle your case, you can decide which fee arrangement is best for you. Since some people aren't quite sure what a contingent fee is, the 6 simple statements below generally describe how Carl's contingent fee agreements generally work:

1. The agreement establishes that the Law Firm of Carl Kiss will represent you.
2. If the firm handles your case to completion and does not recover any money for you, you do not have to pay the firm for its services.
3. If the firm handles your case to completion and recovers some money for you, you must pay the firm for its services. The firm's fee will be a percentage of what we recover for you. The percentage is clearly stated in the contingent fee agreement.
4. If the firm advances money for filing fees, witness fees, doctors' reports, medical records, court reporters' services or other expenses reasonably incurred on your behalf, you must repay the firm for those advances whether the case is won or lost.
5. You may cancel the contingent fee agreement by notifying the firm in writing within 24 hours after you sign it.
6. If you cancel the contingent fee agreement within the 24-hour period, you will have no obligation to the firm.

These six points are only intended to give you a general idea of how Carl's contingent fee agreements work. Before signing any fee agreement, you should read and understand each and all of the terms of the actual fee agreement itself.