

Attorney Fees in Maritime and Jones Act Cases

Things to think about when considering the fee you may pay

The best professionals are usually highly paid

- Think of the highest paid CEOs - If they can increase the company's earnings by 15%, that may mean another \$100 million in revenue! That's why the best companies don't hesitate to pay their CEOs millions or tens of millions
- Think of your own case in the same way -- it's potentially a very valuable claim that needs the best professional on board maximizing your recovery

How much do maritime attorneys normally charge?

A typical car wreck case

- Paralegal does most of the work typically
- Very often nothing is filed in court
- Many claims involve less than \$50,000 and lots less than \$25,000
- Attorney usually charges 33% of the recovery in such a case!



The 33/40/50 fee

- 33% if the case is not filed in court
- 40% if the case is filed in court
- 50% if appeal is needed

VS

The flat 40 fee

(This is what we provide our clients)

- All cases are filed in court
- Can't charge extra for an appeal
- One single fee from start to finish

Is it worth paying an attorney in your case?

YES. Hire the best attorney possible, regardless of fees.

Utilizing an attorney helps by:

- Having the ability to get your claim filed in court
- Hiring the best experts to prove your claim
- Showing the real value of your damages
- Structuring your settlement to protect your LTD

HIDDEN SECRET! IRS Code Section 104(c):

- Maritime settlements 'on account of personal injury' are tax free!
- Same effect as if you had simply paid taxes on the money you may have earned working