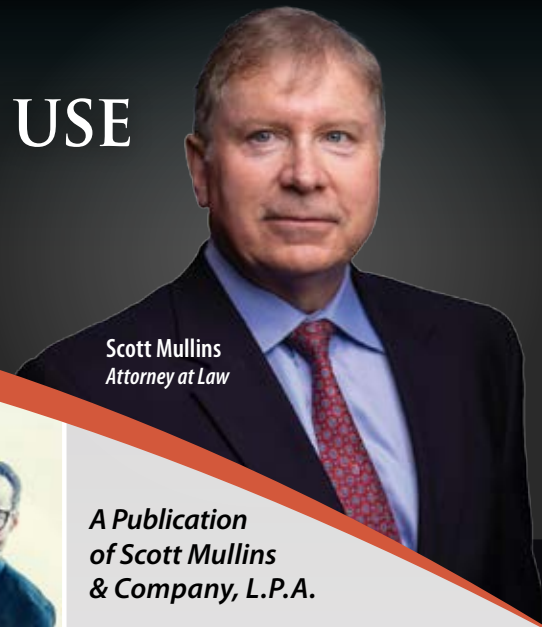


# LEGAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

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## HOW WE CAN HELP

Scott Mullins is a Personal Injury Lawyer who has focused exclusively on representing injury victims on a contingent fee basis for more than thirty years. He has handled complex catastrophic injury and death cases including trench collapse, pool drowning, falls from heights, termiticide poisoning as well as numerous medical and nursing home malpractice cases resulting in death or catastrophic injury.

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## The Law Made Human

By Scott Mullins

***Welcome to our new and improved newsletter. Let's get started with a thumb nail sketch about me, the joy that can be found by practicing law, and how to bounce back from disappointment.***

I was born in Cincinnati. I grew up on the Westside of the city, attending a Catholic elementary school, and an all-male Catholic high school. I attended the University of Cincinnati. I still live on the Westside with my family.

I majored in history at the University of Cincinnati and graduated with honors in 1983. My parents, who did not finish high school, assisted me to help pay for college. I recall my parents were very concerned about my history major since it did not have any immediate, practical application. I told them not to worry. After college, I will attend law school.

I cannot remember the "magic moment" that I realized I wanted to be a lawyer. It was a practical choice for someone who liked to read and write. I did have the impression that lawyers, more than any

other profession, shaped the course of American history. I knew from studying history that "resilience" was the most important quality to be successful as a person. I had some evolving desire to be exposed to diverse opinions and new ways of seeing the world. While growing up and never leaving Cincinnati provides many advantages, there is a tendency to surround yourself with people who look and think just like you.

The study and practice of law would expose me to the diversity I needed to develop as a person. A law is nothing more than a rule to be followed by anyone acting under specific circumstances. A law is a consensus of people (judges and legislators) reaching a majority conclusion as to what rule provides the greatest benefit to the most

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# 10 THINGS *You Should Do When Involved in an Automobile Collision*

- 1 Make sure all parties are okay. If not, you should call 911.** Even if you do not believe the injuries are severe, it is important to seek medical treatment to have your injuries documented in the event an accident claim is filed later.
- 2 Take pictures of damage to vehicle.** Almost everyone carries a cell phone these days so there is no reason not to take photographs at the scene of the damage to the vehicles. The photographs will be evidence in the future if there is a dispute regarding the severity of the impact.
- 3 Make sure a police report is made.** This is important if an accident claim is made in the future. The report should be made available by the responding department a few days following the automobile collision.
- 4 Talk to any witnesses at the scene and obtain their contact information.** Do not assume the police officer will obtain the witness' information.
- 5 Call your insurance company** to inform them of the accident.
- 6 Do not give a statement to the other party's insurance company.** Typically the insurance adjuster will ask that you give a recorded interview. The recorded statement can be used against you in the future so you should contact Scott Mullins & Company before talking to the other party's insurance company.
- 7 Consult with an experienced injury attorney before you sign any medical authorizations** allowing the insurance company to obtain your medical records.
- 8 Keep a diary of events** surrounding the accident such as how you feel and note if you missed work due to your injuries.
- 9 You should keep copies of all prescriptions receipts, hospital discharge instructions, doctor's notes and co-pay receipts.**
- 10 Consult with Scott Mullins & Company before you settle your claim.** Insurance companies will try to get you to settle your claim early and for as little as possible. It is in your best interest to consult with a personal injury attorney to make sure you get the best settlement possible.

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## VERDICTS AND SETTLEMENTS

### *Motorcycle/Automobile Collision – Settlement Amount \$1.2 million*

Motorcyclist sustained a severe injury to the left foot when automobile turned left at intersection striking him. Injuries included multiple comminuted fractures of the left foot, broken ankle requiring plates and screws, posterior cruciate ligament tear and meniscus tear. Client was able to return to work after multiple surgeries and seven months of physical therapy, but physician opined that accelerated arthritis of the foot will shorten his career. The insurance company offered 1.2 million two months before the start of trial.



# AUTO INSURANCE – *Are you fully covered?*



**Even responsible drivers who believe they have good auto insurance protection may come to learn that their coverages don't fully protect them in an accident.**

**Uninsured motorist coverage** protects you when another driver who is at fault in an automobile collision has no insurance at all. It covers lost wages, medical costs and other expenses associated with your injuries.

**Underinsured motorist coverage** safeguards you if you are injured by a careless driver who has only minimal insurance. Since uninsured motorist coverage doesn't apply, the other driver's minimal liability policy may not cover all of your injuries. Your own policy may not completely cover the damages arising from your injury unless you have sufficient underinsured motorist coverage.

### **Protect yourself and your family**

Obtain sufficient auto coverage for all family drivers. Your auto insurance agent can outline the extent to which your uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages will safeguard your family. If they are inadequate, increase this relatively inexpensive protection.

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### **The Law Made Human**

people. I did well in law school, graduating from the University of Cincinnati in 1987. I have been practicing in Ohio (both state and federal courts) ever since.

Over 34 years, I have learned countless lessons from the single parent raising children, the minority female starting her career, the middle aged female courageously fighting terminal cancer, and the elderly Korean veteran that it makes practicing law fun and gratifying. I try to get to know all my clients. Each client has a unique story to tell. When I do, I usually learn something invaluable about the human condition or the world we all share. Some of the kindest most exemplary clients, who experienced a life altering injury, exhibited traits such as resilience, humility, and forgiveness, bringing their cases to a decisive win.

It is the chance to meet diverse people who so clearly communicate their life experiences that keeps me going. I get joy from helping each of you, and I hope to continue to do so for a long time.

Have a great day today!

— Scott



## **LAUGH A DAY**

### **THIS LAWYER IS THOROUGH...**

The attorney tells the accused,  
"I have some good news and some bad news."

"What's the bad news?" asks the accused.

"The bad news is, your blood is all over the crime scene, and the DNA tests prove you did it."

"What's the good news?"

"Your cholesterol is 130."

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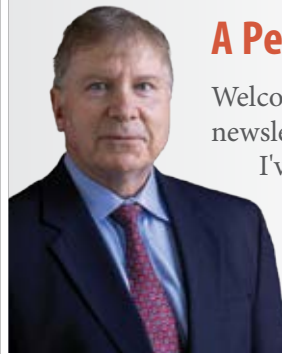
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We want you to think of us as your law firm. If you have legal matters that need attention, please let us know. If we do not specialize in that area of law, we will refer you to a firm that does. Please feel free to refer us to your family, friends, and neighbors for their legal needs. We welcome the opportunity to help.

**Call us. You're going to feel a whole lot better about things.**



### A Personal Message From Scott Mullins

Welcome to the first issue of our newly redesigned newsletter! In this issue, I share my personal story, lessons I've learned, and how helping others brings me joy. Don't miss my tips on what to do after an auto collision and how to make sure you're fully covered. Email [smullins@scottmullinslaw.com](mailto:smullins@scottmullinslaw.com) and let us know what you think. We love to hear from you!

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

**“When we put our cases in the hands of an attorney, we want to know we can trust them. Scott Mullins made that easy.”**

*My overall experience is best demonstrated in the photograph. You must understand the level of commitment Scott showed to my case. It was commendable. His attitude was positive, advice was incredible, and he invested all his knowledge and wisdom into my case. I'm not just smiling because the case was successful, I'm smiling because I felt cared for during the entire process. His delivery was filled with care. He invested his time and energy into my case so much that I felt valued. You can't say that for all attorneys, but this one showed up with at least 110% each time.*

**When we put our cases in the hands of an attorney, we want to know we can trust them. He made that easy.** I never had to doubt him or his staff. They were diligent about gathering all information and kept me in the loop. A bonus for me was that he was honest and upfront with critical details, which was necessary for helping me manage any of my unrealistic expectations. I've never been in a situation like this before, so I didn't know what to expect. All I can say is Mr. Scott Mullins set the bar high. He will be my first call if I ever find myself in need of an attorney.

**I will end with the fact that I believe Scott is genuine. He will put his all into your case. You will be so glad you have such wise, honest counsel that it will be easy to recommend him.**



*Dominique Lacour  
and Scott Mullins*

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