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(I.) The Slow Death of Trial By Jury in America

There were only 570 jury trials in Virginia in 2009. That's a 72 percent drop from the number of jury trials in 2002 (approximately 2,042). Why has there been such a precipitous decline in jury trials? [Read Rick Shapiro's article to learn more.](#)

(II.) What the New Health Care Law Means for Women

Women are more likely to incur medical debt, encounter billing problems, and have a difficult time obtaining medical insurance. The new health care reform law, known as the Affordable Care Act, has provisions that will help women obtain and retain health insurance including full coverage of preventative tests like mammograms, cervical cancer screenings, testing for breast cancer genes BRCA1 and BRCA2, etc. To find out what other provisions are in the new law, [check out Emily Mapp Brannon's article.](#)

(III.) What is a Structured Settlement and Is It Right for You?

A structured settlement can be utilized when a case is actually settled for a monetary sum. The money would not be received by your personal injury attorney in the law firm trust account but is instead directly sent to a bonded and rated financial company that agrees to provide a periodic stream of partial payments to the personal injury victim or the beneficiary. Clients often ask if the money can be monthly, quarterly or at some other periodic payment schedule and the answer is yes, that can be agreed upon prior to setting up the structured settlement or annuity. [For additional information about structured settlements, read this article.](#)

(IV.) Actor Dennis Quaid Testifies In Front of Congress about Horrifying Medical Malpractice Experience

Dennis Quaid's two children almost died after being given the wrong prescription medication while at the hospital. Mr. Quaid visited [Capitol Hill to testify about his experience and advocate for victim's rights.](#) Here is an excerpt of his testimony:

*"Like many Americans, I believed that a big problem in our country was frivolous lawsuits. But now I know that the courts are often the only path to justice for families that are harmed by the pharmaceutical industry and medical errors. **Yet the law is stacked against ordinary people.**"*

(V.) What Tourists from Other Countries Should Do If They Get Injured in a Car Wreck

Thousands of tourists from Quebec, Canada visit Virginia Beach. In fact, Canadian tourists are so prominent that a “Welcome to Virginia” sign in VA Beach is written in English and French. But what happens when a tourist from another country gets into a car accident in the States? Well, in our legal system, a tourist has the same legal rights as an American citizen. [Keep reading here to learn more.](#)

(VI.) From the Desk of [Investigator Donnie Case](#):

The United Transportation Union and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen joined forces to petition the Federal Railroad Administration in opposition to a request by the Northern New England Passengers Rail Authority (NNEPRA) that it be allowed to bypass a 'Buy America' provision in the law and go offshore to buy track-nut fasteners. This is outrageous considering the NNEPRA wants to use a federal tax-dollar subsidy to purchase these track-nut fasteners from a foreign hardware manufacturer. [Learn about the petition here.](#)

(VII.) From the Desk of [Investigator Herb Wooten](#):

The Railroad Retirement Board released their 2010 financial report and revealed that, The barring a sudden, unanticipated, large drop in railroad employment or substantial investment losses, the railroad retirement system will experience no cash-flow problems during the next two decades. However, the long-term financial stability is still unknown. [Read more here.](#)

(VIII.) Get one of our Free Consumer Reports/Guides Free Via Email Today!

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- [What You Must Know About Claims on Behalf of An Injured Minor/Child](#)
- [Best Guide to Truck Accident Injuries: Read Before Talking to Any Adjuster](#)
- [Top Ten Tips from Experienced Medical Malpractice Lawyers](#)
- [Dangerous Drugs: Yaz, Yasmin, and Ocella Birth Control Pills Cause Blood Clots, Stroke, and Even Death](#)
- [Surgeries Gone Wrong: The Top 5 Surgical Errors and how NOT to Become a Victim](#)
- [What You Need To Know About Uninsured/Barely Insured Drivers: Secrets To Protecting Yourself If They Injure You In A Car Accident](#)

- [Eyes on the Road: Common Factors Leading to Distracted Driving](#)
- [What You Need To Do If You Are Hurt in an Airplane Accident](#)
- [What Railroad Claim Agents Won't Tell You \(But You Must Know\)](#)
- [Do's & Don'ts When Injured at a Railroad--The Railroad Worker's FELA Rights](#)

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