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The Second Injury Fund provides much needed benefits to injured workers. Among other benefits, the Fund provides benefits to workers who had a permanent disability or injury prior to their work related injury.

For example, if an employee had an amputated right hand at the time he was hired, and he suffers a work related injury that causes him to lose the use of his left hand, the worker would likely be permanently and totally disabled because he has lost the use of both hands. Under workers' compensation laws, the employer is only obligated to pay benefits for loss of the left hand (a permanent partial disability). The Second Injury Fund is responsible for paying additional benefits to reflect the fact that the employee is actually permanently and totally disabled as a result of the pre-existing injury to the right hand.

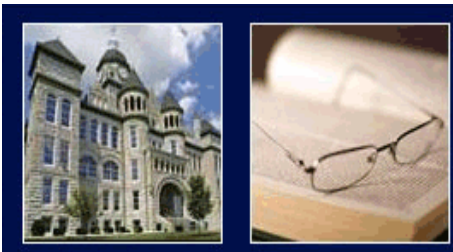
The Second Injury Fund is funded by a surcharge applied to workers' compensation insurance premiums paid by employers. The Missouri legislature has capped the amount of the surcharge paid by employers, which has caused the Second Injury Fund to be

underfunded. Unless the Missouri legislature acts, in the near future, the Fund will become insolvent and unable to pay claims.

The Missouri Attorney General has advised injured workers that, because of its financial problems, the Fund will no longer settle claims. The Fund will only pay amounts ordered by a judge. As a result, all claims for Fund benefits must be fully litigated through hearing.

We have been helping injured people for over 30 years. We can help you and your family deal with the many hardships that occur when you are injured. We know how to organize the facts and evaluate medical records to present forceful claims. If the Second Injury Fund, or an insurance adjuster, is not willing to pay fair value of a claim, we have the experience and expertise to try the case and win.

If you, a family member or a friend has been injured, whether at work or by the negligence of others, give us a call for a free consultation about your claim.




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- Semi Truck Accident
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