

S. Williamson:

To paint it in a broad brush, the first phase of the case is largely an investigation, where we are gathering facts, and usually it's at that time, when someone sustained a serious injury and they're receiving a lot of medical care to try to get back on their feet, we will make sure that all the bills are addressed. All the bills are covered. All the proper insurance issues are being addressed. If the claim can not be resolved early on, then a lawsuit is filed.

The main body of the lawsuit, or the big chapter in the lawsuit is what's known as discovery, where there's an exchange of information between our side and the other side. That's when things like depositions happen. That's where medical records and legal disclosures are obtained and disclosed. And then there is something called motion practice that happens, where legal issues that may not be appropriate to put in front of a jury are hashed out in front of a judge and between the lawyers.

And then, the pretrial and trial phase of the case occurs. That's where the case is prepared for trial. That's when experts are brought in, or experts are further developed, in terms of their analysis and opinions and reports. Other investigations, early or before trial occur, and there is the last phase of the case, which is a trial.