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In our practice, we represent many accident victims who have suffered serious injuries or catastrophic injuries following some kind of accident. But our clients who are the victims of false arrest and excessive force at the hands of the police, it's a unique thing in terms of how they feel and the position they're in, and the injuries and the losses that they suffer after such an incident. If you are a law-abiding citizen who's never been in trouble before, the experience of being arrested and being arrested falsely and then being confined in a precinct or in a jail, even for just a couple of days, can be just profoundly altering and troubling on such a deep level that people have a hard time bouncing back and they really struggle, not just with the physical injuries that often result from being manhandled or mishandled by the police, but the psychological harm. That all of a sudden you're just sort of ripped from your normal existence and how you sort of make sense of the world and everything is turned upside down.

And even when they're released and even when they hire a lawyer, it's just the beginning of a process of recovering. And that recovery process can take a long time. And oftentimes it's never complete. And that's where we step in to help people down that road, not just fighting the good fight on the legal front, making sure we stand up for their rights and we make them whole for their losses, but shepherding them through that process emotionally and physically, ultimately getting them back on their feet, getting them back as close as possible to where they were before the thing happened, before the incident occurred.