

Personal Injury Law is an area of tort law concerning damage to a person or the person’s property because of an unsafe product, unsafe conduct, or unsafe conditions. Products Liability Law is a subset of Personal Injury Law dealing with manufactured items. Personal injury lawsuits may arise from incidents such as a slip and fall in a department store or a car accident that may have resulted from defective brakes. Personal injury attorneys must have expertise in tort law, but also must be skilled at trial procedure and evidence, and at negotiation, both for settlement and at every stage of the litigation process. Firms that represent clients in personal injury matters tend to specialize in specific types, e.g., premises liability, products liability, or auto accidents.

The practice of personal injury law involves significant investigation, discovery, and negotiation, and often significant amounts of litigation. For more information on personal injury and products liability law practice, see [American Association for Justice and ABA Section of Litigation](#).

Job Type	Typical Duties
Federal Agencies Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Health and Human Services Department Federal Jobs	Develop voluntary standards with industry Issue and enforce mandatory standards Obtain the recall of products and arrange for the repair, replacement, or a refund Conduct research on potential product hazards Inform and educate consumers
Private Law Firms	Interview clients and research the client’s claim Draft legal documents and counsel clients Provide legal representation in Court where necessary Help plaintiffs receive compensation for losses

Student Organizations

[Tort Law Society](#)

Professional Organizations

[National Academy Of Personal Injury Attorneys](#)

[Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section](#)

[American Association for Justice](#)

[Products Liability Trial Lawyers Association](#)

Other Activities

Obtain an internship with a personal injury or products liability attorney or firm.

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