1. Initial Claim Filing Support (Day 1-3)

Help users understand and complete:

- How to report the claim (phone, portal, agent).
- What documents to submit immediately:
 - o Proof of loss (itemized or summarized).
 - o Police reports (theft, accident, fire).
 - Photos of damage or lost property.
 - o Receipts, bank statements, or Amazon orders.
- Clarify if originals are needed or copies accepted.
- Sample first message:

"Hi, I am reporting a claim for [event]. Attached is a preliminary list of losses. Please advise what documents are required to move forward."

2. Insurer Tactics & How to Respond

Prepare for common insurer behavior:

Delays:

"We're reviewing your file..." → Pushback email:

"Please provide a written update within 3 business days outlining the next steps or outstanding items."

Bundling Claims Together:

- "Why are my auto and property claims merged?"
- Strategy: Keep files separate when possible to avoid claim denials through technicalities.

Lowball Offers:

- "We're offering \$9,400."
- Response: "This amount doesn't reflect the evidence provided in our Proof of Loss. We request a revised amount aligned with submitted documentation."

Denial of receipts:

- "We can't accept bank statements."
- Strategy: Show precedent, comparable claims, or supplement with witness statements or images.

3. Ongoing Claim Communication Coaching

Smart replies, tone, and defense:

- "Do not speculate" rule (especially in written replies).
- Keep all communication written.
- Examples of safe phrasing:
 - "To the best of my knowledge..."
 - o "Based on documents submitted..."
 - "Please clarify your request in writing."

4. Phase-Specific Strategic Coaching

Car Accident Claim

- Police report + accident diagram.
- Photos from scene, timestamped.
- Driver's license, registration, and insurance info.
- Witness contact info.
- Question: "Do I admit fault?" → No. Stick to facts.

Car Theft

- Police report required.
- Spare key photo (to prove no negligence).
- Past service/parking receipts to prove value and usage.
- Pushback if delay occurs:

"All requested documents have been provided. We expect a preliminary decision within 5 business days."

House Fire

- Fire department report.
- Proof of home upgrades (photos, past work invoices).
- Valuation based on similar homes.
- List of belongings with rough estimates.

Flood or Water Damage

- Photos of flooding, timestamped.
- Insurance coverage language: is it "sudden & accidental"?
- Response if denied:
 - "Please reference the specific exclusion clause being applied. Our interpretation differs."

Theft of Personal Items

- Proof of ownership: Amazon receipts, bank logs.
- Security system footage or report.

Valuation tools for tech/jewelry.

5. EUO (Examination Under Oath) Preparation

- Sample prep module:
 - What questions to expect.
 - What NOT to say.
 - How to request your recorded statement ahead of time.
- Mental coaching:
 - o "Don't rush answers."
 - o "You can say 'I don't recall.""
- Post-EUO follow-up strategy:
 - Wait 5–7 days for internal notes.
 - Then prompt politely for outcome.

6. Negotiation Phase Coaching

Common delays:

"We're still calculating depreciation..."

- o Response: "Please share the formula or method being used for valuation."
- Lawyer involvement:
 - "My legal representative is copied. Please direct future communications to them."
- Pushback on unfair deductions:
 - "This depreciation scale does not reflect current market conditions."

7. Final Payout Phase Guidance

- How cheques are issued (to you, a lawyer, or lienholder).
- Sample instructions:
 - "Please issue the cheque to [Law Firm] in trust. This will ensure proper distribution."
- Preparing for taxes on settlement (educational tip).
- Disbursement flow tips.

8. Templates & Responses (Auto-Populated in Platform)

- Delay follow-ups.
- Denial rebuttals.

- ACV vs. RCV negotiation.
- Timelines + polite nudges.
- Claim grouping concerns.

9. Legal Boundaries + Non-Legal Disclaimer

Include:

- "This is not legal advice."
- "ClaimMate offers informational support based on previous claims and documented best practices."
- Pop-up disclaimer before submitting any official documents.

10. Bonus Tools to Build In

- Policy Upload & Al Scan: Identify coverage gaps, exclusions, and limits.
- Claim File Export: Export PDF of all communications + timelines.
- **Avatar Chatbot**: Personalized claim assistant (e.g., "Dinero" or "Benjamin") with pre-trained guidance.
- Timeline Tracker: Visual guide for where they are in the process.
- Auto-Checklist Generator: Tasks based on claim type (car theft vs. fire).