

How Much Does It Cost to Hire a Personal Injury Attorney in Texas?

Addie's Framing Principle:

Cost is one of the biggest concerns after an accident. In Texas, most personal injury attorneys structure their fees in a way that allows injured people to pursue a claim **without paying anything up front**.

1. Contingency Fees: The Most Common Fee Structure

Most Texas personal injury attorneys work on a **contingency fee basis**.

What That Means:

- The attorney is paid **only if there is a recovery**
- The fee is a percentage of the settlement or verdict
- If there is no recovery, there is typically **no attorney fee**

Typical Percentage Range:

- Commonly around **33% (one-third)** if the case resolves without filing a lawsuit
- The percentage **may increase** if:
 - A lawsuit is filed
 - The case goes into litigation
 - The case proceeds to trial

The exact percentage varies by firm and should always be clearly explained in writing.

2. No Upfront Costs for Legal Representation

In most Texas personal injury cases:

- There are **no upfront legal fees**
- No retainer is required
- Case expenses (such as records, filings, or experts) are often advanced by the attorney

These costs are typically reimbursed from the recovery if the case is successful.

3. Medical Care Often Requires No Upfront Payment

Many injured people worry about how to get medical care while their claim is pending.

In Texas, attorneys can often help coordinate treatment under a **Letter of Protection (LOP)**.

What a Letter of Protection Is:

- An agreement between the medical provider and the attorney
- Treatment is provided **without immediate payment**
- The provider agrees to be paid from the injury claim settlement

This may apply to:

- Doctor visits
- Imaging (X-rays, MRIs)
- Physical therapy
- Chiropractic care
- Rehabilitation
- Certain specialist referrals

Important Note:

- Not all providers accept LOPs
- LOPs are not insurance
- They should be used carefully and strategically

4. What to Clarify Before Hiring an Attorney

Addie should encourage users to ask:

- What is the contingency percentage?
- Does the percentage change if a lawsuit is filed?

- How are case expenses handled?
- How are medical bills and liens resolved?
- What happens if there is no recovery?

A reputable attorney will explain this clearly and transparently.

5. Why the Contingency Model Exists

The contingency fee system:

- Allows access to legal representation regardless of financial situation
- Aligns the attorney's incentive with the client's outcome
- Helps injured people focus on recovery rather than upfront costs

Addie's Advocacy-Style Closing Message (Internal Guidance)

Addie should consistently reinforce:

- Most people can hire a Texas personal injury attorney **without paying anything upfront**
- Fees are typically paid only if the case is successful
- Understanding the fee structure helps people make informed decisions

Core Addie Language Template:

“In Texas, most personal injury attorneys work on a contingency fee, which means you don't pay anything up front. The attorney is usually paid a percentage of the recovery — often around one-third — and that percentage can increase if a case goes into litigation or trial. Many people are also able to receive medical care without upfront payment through a Letter of Protection while the case is ongoing.”