

## **Detroit Police Brutality, Police Misconduct, Civil Rights Lawyer**

Since 1939, the attorneys of Posner, Posner and Posner have successfully represented victims in cases involving police brutality, police beatings, police misconduct, violation of civil rights, and other problems with the police. Our firm was one of the first in the Detroit metropolitan area to regularly represent people in litigation against the police, and this has been a major focus of our practice for well over 40 years. Let our experience, expertise, and track record of success in obtaining compensation and justice for victims of police brutality and police misconduct work for you.

Police misconduct can take many forms, including

- Police brutality, police beating, police shooting, and excessive force
- False arrest
- False imprisonment
- Malicious prosecution
- Violation of civil rights under federal law, 42 USC §1983

### **You Must Act Quickly to Hire an Attorney**

Just as in any other personal injury case, you need to act quickly. The sooner you act, the faster we can start working for you.

It is important that we begin the investigation into your claim as soon as possible, so that we can make Freedom of Information Act requests to identify the officers involved, locate and interview witnesses, and photograph or preserve vital evidence to your claim.

Physical evidence can disappear and the memories of witnesses can fade. In addition, the officers involved may attempt to destroy or alter evidence. You should document as much about the events surrounding the incident as possible. Write down your recollections, the names of the officers involved, and any witnesses who were present.

It is "standard operating procedure" for officers who have beaten a citizen to charge the person with a crime such as assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest, or resisting and obstructing in order to justify their actions. You need to get an experienced attorney working for you right away. If you are found guilty of these types of charges, or plead guilty to them as public defenders or untrained attorneys often urge the client to do to make the criminal charges "go away", you could seriously jeopardize part or all of your civil claim for compensation and damages.

In a police misconduct case, there are a number of claims that can be made. There are, for example, state law claims for assault and battery, false arrest, false imprisonment, and malicious prosecution, and federal law claims for violation of civil rights under 42 USC §1983. The damages you can collect differ for each type of claim. Our lawyers evaluate each individual matter on a case-by-case basis to determine which claims to make, state or federal, and whether to file the lawsuit in state court or federal court. The goal is always to maximize the compensation and justice you receive.

If you or a family member has suffered serious injuries due to police brutality, police beating, police misconduct, or violation of civil rights, or if a family member has been killed, we may be able to help. Call 313-965-7784 or contact us online as soon as possible for a free consultation.