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I am also very proud to have received a Distinguished Service Award, granted to me by the New York State Chiropractic Counsel.



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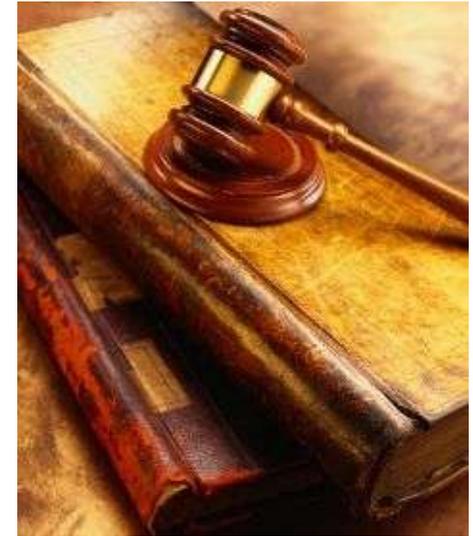
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**WHAT DO YOU MY LAWYER,
THE JUDGE, AND THE
INSURANCE COMPANY MEAN
WHEN YOU ASK IF I HAVE
DONE ANY “WORK”?**

In workers’ compensation to “work” means to work even for only a few hours or only a single day. “Work” also means any job for which you are paid cash. When we ask you if you have done any work, we mean in **any job**, not only in your regular job.

**MY BOSS IS ASKING ME TO
COME BACK TO WORK, DO I
HAVE TO GO?**

Your boss might ask you to come back to your old job, or he might offer you a light duty position. If your boss asks you to do your old job, discuss it with your doctor. If your doctor believes you should not do your old job, do not return to work. If your doctor releases you to do your old job, you should accept your boss’s offer. However, if the work makes your condition worse and you cannot work again, **it is very important that you tell this to your boss and that you see your doctor at once.** You can get benefits for on-and-off work periods, during any time that your condition allows you to try to do your job. Also remember, **if you return to work, even for a single day, we must report this to the insurance company and you must tell your doctor.**

If your boss offers you a different, light duty job, we must find out exactly what your duties will be. Your boss must put this in writing. We will then show that letter to your doctor. If your doctor thinks that you can try to do the light duty work, then you can accept the position. Again, **you are obligated to tell the insurance company and the Board that you are trying to work.** If you try to work but your disability keeps you from handling the light duty job, **you must tell this to your boss and then tell your doctor.**

WHAT IS TOTAL DISABILITY?

In workers’ compensation total disability means that you are unable to do **any job at all.** If you cannot do your old job but you are able to do a different, easier job, then you are not totally disabled, you are partially disabled.

WHAT IS PARTIAL DISABILITY?

Partial disability means that you are able to do certain limited work activities. Even if you cannot do your regular job, you are partially disabled if you can do some other, easier job.

**THE INSURANCE DOCTOR SAYS
THAT I AM ABLE TO WORK, BUT
MY DOCTOR DISAGREES.**

It is very important to remember that the judge will decide if you have any work capacity, even for a job that isn’t your regular job. If the judge thinks that you

can do sit-down work, or other light duty work, the judge will expect you to show him proof that you have searched for a new job that accommodates your limited abilities. If you do not show the judge this proof, he may cut off all benefits to you.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I GO BACK
TO WORK AND HAVE A NEW
ACCIDENT?**

If you return to work and have a new accident, you must file a new claim form. It is possible for a person to have two, three, or many more different cases. The first thing you must do is **go to see a doctor at once and tell the doctor exactly how your accident happened.** Next you must quickly **tell your new boss exactly how your new accident occurred.** Finally, you should call us here at the Klein Law Group so that we can help you to fill out a new accident claim form. Until you meet with us, **do not give any interviews to investigators or make any statements to anyone at all except your doctor.**