

## Birth Trauma: Cerebral Palsy, Brachial Plexus Injury and Hypoxia

There is perhaps nothing more heartbreaking than to go through the anticipation of pregnancy and have it end with injury to your child. All of the care you took to be healthy for your child, all of the visits to your doctor to ensure the baby's health, all of your effort directed towards one goal, did not avoid this sadness.

In many cases, there was nothing that could be done to change the outcome. The best medical care, attention and expertise would not have made a difference.

In other cases, something could have been done. Signs were missed, steps were not taken, or advice was not given. If you are concerned that may have been the case with your pregnancy and labour, we may be able to help you.

### *Why see a lawyer?*

You want the best for your baby, now and in the future. Whatever it will take to improve his condition, is your goal. If your baby needs care, you want to provide that. If your child will grow to adulthood with extra needs, and limitations on her ability to work and earn a living, you want to plan for that. If educational needs of your baby as he grows are beyond what the public will provide, then you want that for him. Maybe you have taken time off work to attend to your child's needs, or not returned to work. All of that means extra expense and less money.

### *Why see the lawyers at Legate & Associates?*

We cannot change the outcome of a compromised birth or birth trauma, but we can give you advice and experience that you can count on. We will tell you if we think a law suit is right for you. We will be upfront about the risks involved, how the law suit will be paid for, how long it is likely to take and what the benefit of proceeding could be.

Every law suit must be seen from the perspective of its cost-benefit analysis; that is because every law suit has a cost, in money, time and worry. It is not our goal to put you through an exercise that costs more than it is likely to benefit you and your family. We will carefully evaluate your case to determine if it is one involving avoidable birth trauma, compromise or negligence.

We are parents. The lawyers at Legate & Associates engaged in birth trauma litigation are all parents who understand the joys and worry of parenthood, and the anxiety of dealing with a child whose health is compromised by birth trauma and medical negligence.

We care. We are experts. We will be straight with you.

### *How are we paid?*

Call us. It's free. First you will speak to a law clerk who will take information that ensures you are in the right place. No charge. If the call is appropriate, a lawyer will call you back and take more information. No charge. If we think we have potential to help you, a meeting will be set up to speak directly with a lawyer. Again, that consultation is at no charge to you.

We will develop a plan for the investigation of your case. Virtually every parent wants a contingency fee agreement. <link to that section of our website>.

### *How long will it take?*

Speak to us. Each case is unique. Older children's cases may not take as long to evaluate as will younger children's which may have to await a more certain prognosis.

### *What kinds of birth trauma are likely to benefit from a call?*

If your child is diagnosed with hydrocephalic encephalopathy, cerebral palsy, birth hypoxia, brachial plexus injury, or there was an emergency C- section and your child has one of these outcomes, you may benefit from speaking to us. If you had gestational diabetes, twins, unexpected premature birth, maternal hypertension followed by one of those outcomes listed, you may benefit from speaking to us.