

## **Importance of Impairment Rating in Personal Injury + Workers' Compensation Cases Objective. Defensible. Convenient.**

As a licensed physical therapist, I am writing to outline the critical role that impairment ratings play in personal injury and Workers' Compensation litigation, particularly from the perspective of a physical therapy expert witness.

### **Personal Injury Case**

Benefits include:

- Higher settlement or jury award
- Proof of long-term harm
- Future economic damages
- Credibility in negotiations

### **Workers' Compensation Case**

Ratings can lead to:

- Permanent impairment benefits
- Weekly wage replacement payments
- Increased settlement value
- Evidence of permanent injury
- Potential qualification for permanent total disability

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