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In recent years, there has been a relentless movement to restrict your legal rights if you are injured. Over time, powerful special interests have lobbied for and received special legal protection from lawmakers – at the expense of your individual rights. These “reforms” appear reasonable on paper, until we see how unfair they are to our clients in the real world.

There are many examples of the one-sidedness of these laws. For example, the “binding arbitration” clause you are forced to sign (which waives your right to sue in court) when you buy a new or used car, or when you sign up your parents for nursing home care. The “after the fact” endorsement in your auto policy that arrives weeks later and excludes, in fine print, certain family members from your automobile coverage. The “subrogation agreement” your health insurer makes you sign after a collision, stating that they can take every penny of your settlement as reimbursement for bills it paid. Laws capping or limiting what you can recover from drunk drivers or dangerous drugs if either puts you in a wheelchair. The list goes on and on, unfortunately, and is growing yearly.

At the same time our legal rights are eroding, there has also been a relaxation of regulation and oversight of industry. We need only look to Enron, Vioxx, e. Coli tainted spinach and peanut butter, and dangerous toy recalls as sad and repeated reminders of this fact.

We at Nicodemo and Wilson have faced these issues with our clients for close to twenty years. Client by client, case by case, we strive to help them level the playing field and achieve some measure of justice. By and large, it is in the form of money compensation. But sometimes it’s accompanied with something larger – a changed corporate behavior or policy, or a greater emphasis on safety, or even a simple apology.

**Truth. Accountability. Justice.** Pretty good reasons to keep the courthouse doors open if you ask us. And our clients agree with us.