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PERSONAL INJURY LAW

WORKING 32 YEARS AS a London Health Sciences Centre lab technician gave Laurie Fournier a lot of satisfaction. What it didn't give her was immunity from a series of mishaps and illnesses that made it impossible to work four years ago.

What began as a slip at home in 2009 spiraled into a mixture of herniated discs, fibromyalgia and depression in the following months. By 2011, she was having difficulty working and had exhausted her short-term disability benefits.

That's when she was transferred to the hospital's long-term disability provider, a large multi-national insurance company with seemingly unlimited resources. And that's when her situation became desperate—a David vs. Goliath situation.

"At the beginning of 2012, the insurance company said I had to go back to work, that they wouldn't continue my coverage," Fournier recalls, speaking from her home in Belmont. "I slowly built up my work hours over six weeks, but my health was getting worse. My doctor finally told me I had to stop working, but his letter didn't convince the insurer."

For several months, Fournier went through a painful cycle of attempting to work and slipping back into greater pain. Her back injury was the greatest problem, but she was also in constant pain from her fibromyalgia. It's a condition that causes widespread and persistent pain as well as fatigue, depression and anxiety.

After trying to fight the insurance company on her own, and then consulting two paralegals, she was getting nowhere and felt like she had no further options. That was when she saw an ad for Goldfinger Personal Injury Law.

"Honestly, I didn't want to call a lawyer,"

Fournier says. "But once I did, things got better right away. For starters, Brian returned my calls immediately and met with me personally within a few days."

"The paralegals Laurie dealt with messed things up and created unnecessary delays," says Goldfinger, who has offices in London, Toronto, Kitchener and Peterborough. "Lawyers and Paralegals who dabble in personal injury law simply don't have the knowledge or expertise to stand up to large insurers like we do. We specialize in insurance and personal injury cases on behalf of accident victims and disability claimants. It's all we do. We don't accept work on behalf of insurance companies either."

Goldfinger's law firm works on a contingency fee basis, meaning his office does not charge any upfront legal fees and is only paid when he gets a settlement for his clients. That was great news for Fournier, who met with Goldfinger in 2014.

In less than a year, he had negotiated a settlement with the insurance company, the details of which are sealed.

Fournier continues to deal with chronic back pain, "but the fibromyalgia is much better since we settled and the stress of the whole situation went away. Brian did a great job and I'm grateful for all of the hard work he did on my case."

"Achieving a settlement is a huge victory for our clients," Goldfinger says. "There's a weight lifted from their shoulders and an affirmation that they were being denied unfairly. We work every day to help people like Laurie get the compensation they deserve. It's very rewarding to help clients and make them feel good. That makes us feel good."

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