

# MALTOS LAW FIRM

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## *The Advantage You Seek. The Justice you Deserve.*

You have been grievously harmed by someone else's negligence. Maybe you're still hospitalized or suffering the pain of your injuries. You can't work. The bills are piling up, and money is getting scarce. You feel angry, overwhelmed, alone, helpless.

The prospect of filing a lawsuit is daunting, but you must hold those who harmed you accountable. You deserve to be fairly compensated. For your family's sake and your own, *you must seek justice.*

Manuel Maltos is a different kind of personal injury lawyer with a specialized skill set and a distinctive approach to litigation. His credentials are impeccable, his experience broad and deep. In recent years, he has recovered more than \$40 million for his clients.

Yet he is accessible, relatable, and compassionate. Hailing from a humble background, Mr. Maltos understands the instability and uncertainty that comes with struggling daily in the face of an unknown future.

**Insightful, Reliable Counsel • Consummate Legal Acumen • Personal Attention • Optimal Results**

**HOME (subpage): The Maltos Advantage**

***Our #1 Focus: Getting You the Compensation You Deserve***

There are good plaintiffs' lawyers, and there are *elite* plaintiffs' lawyers—an exclusive few who possess a distinctive set of winning qualities that place them a cut above other advocates:

- ***Sincere concern for the well-being of clients and their families;***
- Encyclopedic knowledge of personal injury law statutes, science, and strategies;
- The tenacity and acumen to sift through massive amounts of information, identify key points, and reduce even the most complex case to a simple, persuasive story;
- Specialized knowledge of how to write effective motions that generate favorable court rulings and shorten the litigation process; and
- The ability to present each case in a way that compels opposing parties toward settlement, maximizes financial recovery, and stands up to judicial review.

Manuel Maltos *is* that type of elite personal injury attorney. He has built his practice on developing close personal relationships with his clients; communicating with them clearly, honestly, and often; and guiding them with a steady hand through every phase of litigation.

**Preeminent Legal Counsel • Results-Oriented • Caring and Compassionate**

## **ABOUT US**

### ***A Distinctive, Personal Approach to Litigation***

Winning your case is all about telling your story—who you are, what happened to you, how you have been harmed, and what is needed to reasonably compensate you – in a simple, easily understood, compelling way. A lot of detail work goes into crafting such a story, but that’s what it takes to get winning results.

When he takes your case, Manuel Maltos starts by getting to know you, learning your unique circumstances, and understanding your individual needs. This personal relationship is critical to framing your story in a way that motivates opposing parties to settle or a jury to find in your favor. The civil justice system can be intimidating. You need a lawyer to try your case, but you also need a reassuring, trusted friend to guide you through the process. You need clear communication – no legalese, just straight talk and respect.

Mr. Maltos immerses himself in your case, identifies relevant facts and themes, and presents the case in the simplest possible way. He utilizes specific techniques to streamline the litigation process, eliminate delay and confusion, and ease your stress along the way.

That’s where Mr. Maltos’ unusual combination of expertise works to your advantage. Although he specializes in personal injury law, Mr. Maltos also has a background in motion practice and civil appellate law.

- **Motion Practice.** By filing well-conceived, carefully worded motions with the court, a judge may summarily decide many of the legal questions that could bog down your case. This eliminates complications, slashes the number of court appearances, and shortens the lawsuit’s duration.
- **Appellate Practice.** Civil appeals practice involves different skills and strategic considerations than trial practice. On appeal, the focus shifts from proving facts to reviewing the legal issues that decide a case. Mr. Maltos’ appellate background equips him to draft court filings that reduce the likelihood of a favorable verdict being overturned on appeal.

This uncommon blend of motion practice and appellate experience—combined with a deep understanding of the underlying legal issues, science, and case strategy inherent in personal injury law—gives you a distinct advantage in litigating your case.

***“It is our job to educate opposing counsel about the strengths of our case and identify the forces that would motivate a jury to find in our favor.”***

**—Manuel Maltos**

## **ABOUT US (subpage): Attorney Profile**

### **MANUEL C. MALTOS, J.D.**

#### ***Humble Beginnings***

Born into a family of five in Piedras Negras, a small coal-mining community in Coahuila, Mexico, Manuel Maltos grew up in Eagle Pass, Texas. His father was a salesman and his mother a realtor. Throughout his childhood, Manuel was keenly aware of how hard his parents worked to care for their family. Seeing their struggle instilled in Manuel a strong desire to gain a higher education and set him on a path to study the law.

#### ***Motivated by a Desire for Stability and a Drive to Help Others***

His course set, Manuel worked hard to put himself through college. The experience helped build character and determination. He double-majored in economics and political science at The University of Texas at San Antonio, motivated at first by a determination never to live as an adult beset by uncertainty and instability. Over time, his incentive to achieve transformed into a desire to protect not only himself and the future family he hoped for, but also to help others. Manuel graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law in 2005 and was admitted to the State Bar of Texas that same year.

After graduation, Manuel went to work for the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals, first as a briefing attorney and then as a staff lawyer. His plan was to gain experience in that area, obtain board-certification, and establish a private practice in civil appeals law. Then came a life-changing moment. The chief justice of the court introduced Manuel to a plaintiffs' attorney who persuaded him to work with him. Manuel remained with that firm for almost eleven years, found the work rewarding, and discovered he could use his appellate background in the personal injury field as a way to distinguish himself from other personal injury lawyers.

#### ***An Uncommon Brand of Personal Injury Law***

In 2018, Manuel established the Maltos Law Firm in San Antonio, putting into play an inimitable approach to personal injury litigation that combines a comprehensive knowledge of plaintiffs' law with a background in appellate law.

**Focused • Strategic • Eminently Qualified • Committed to Your Advantage**

**ABOUT US (subpage)**

***The Value of Maximum Pressure***

At the Maltos Law Firm, we strive to settle our clients' cases without the necessity of a trial. Usually, we are successful. Trials dramatically increase the cost of securing justice. They also introduce a heightened element of risk in the form of twelve unpredictable jurors. However, settlement is sometimes evasive and a jury trial unavoidable.

Generally, a jury trial is decided by twelve jurors answering a set of questions and instructions issued by the judge. This is called the "jury charge." It is the jury's responsibility to sort through the disputed accounts presented in evidence and answer the set of questions. The judge decides the questions of law, that is, how the law applies to the given set of facts.

There are laws and rules governing the jury charge. A mistake in the charge or in the legal theory on which it is based can result in the trial judge or appellate judge (a) granting a new trial, meaning you must begin again at square one; or (b) rendering a take-nothing judgment, meaning you get zero dollars for the harm you suffered.

Clearly, the jury charge is of utmost importance. The judge issues the jury charge, but attorneys prepare it for the judge's approval. As the party making the damages claim, you want an attorney who is adept at writing a jury charge based on solid legal theory and consisting of questions the jury will answer in your favor.

Mr. Maltos' years of experience in appellate court and his continued involvement in large, complex cases uniquely qualify him to leverage the maximum amount of pressure on his opponents. The result: He settles the vast majority of cases without a trial. For those that do go to a jury, he is positioned to obtain favorable verdicts that stick.

***My job is to make opposing counsel understand their full and complete legal exposure.  
I do this by demonstrating – pretrial – that we have prepared a case strong enough to convince a jury to  
answer the jury charge in our favor, knowing the verdict will stand up to appeal.***

—Manuel Maltos

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

### ***Specialized Expertise Gives You the Ultimate Advantage***

The Maltos Law Firm specializes in representing clients who have been physically, psychologically, or financially harmed as a result of the negligence or bad actions of another individual, company, or entity. Each personal injury law practice area requires highly specialized knowledge of case law, involves unique challenges, and demands a comprehensive understanding of court rules and protocols. We focus our practice primarily in these areas.

#### **Wrongful Death**

Losing a loved one is always devastating, but it is even more life-shattering when the death is the result of the negligence or wrongful act of another. In cases where a criminal action is not legally warranted, a wrongful death claim allows the deceased person's estate to file a civil lawsuit against the party who is legally liable for the death, potentially recovering financial compensation for damages such as medical bills and funeral costs; loss of the deceased person's income and other job benefits, such as health care coverage, pension/retirement benefits, and Social Security; child care costs, if the deceased was a stay-at-home parent; the survivors' pain and suffering; and punitive damages for the negligent party's recklessness. Wrongful death cases may involve:

- Vehicle or motorcycle crashes caused by a negligent or drunk/impaired driver
- Large truck and bus crashes
- 18-Wheeler crashes
- Commercial motor vehicle crashes
- Abuse or neglect of a patient in a nursing home or elder-care facility
- Product malfunction or product liability
- Unreasonably dangerous property or work conditions

#### **Catastrophic Injury**

A catastrophic injury is one that drastically affects a person's physical or mental function. The consequences can be extensive and devastating. Victims are likely to lose the ability to maintain a job and benefits that enable them to support and care for themselves and their family. Job loss can last for an extended period or even permanently. They are beset by enormous medical bills. Hand in hand with such an injury, victims also experience a loss of self-respect and the sense of well-being and purpose that gainful employment engenders. Beyond the inability to work, a catastrophically injured person often loses the ability to attend to their own hygiene and daily care, or to do the things that bring joy to their lives, such as sharing intimacy with a spouse or partner, social interaction, travel, exercise, hobbies, or favorite activities. The resulting anxiety, depression, and emotional anguish are often equally as traumatic as the physical pain of their injury. Catastrophic injuries may include:

- Brain injuries
- Spinal cord injuries
- Severe burns
- Back and neck injuries
- Slip-and-fall injuries
- Motor vehicle crash injuries involving cars or trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, or pedestrians (including crashes caused by drunk/impaired drivers or texting or cell phone drivers)

### **Large Commercial Truck/18-Wheeler Crashes**

The legal issues surrounding commercial truck crashes are much different from those involving private vehicles. Because of the size of commercial trucks or if they transport hazardous materials, they are subject to a complex web of legal responsibilities and regulations not applicable to private vehicles. Crashes involving large commercial trucks and 18-wheelers are usually the most catastrophic incidents on the highways. Because of their mammoth size, weight, and resulting momentum, they carry tremendous potential for serious physical injury and property damage. That potential increases dramatically if the crash involves a passenger vehicle. Large commercial truck crashes often involve issues of negligence on the part of the truck driver and/or the trucking company. A trucking company is legally responsible for the actions of its drivers, who are operating as the company's agents, and often can be held liable for injuries resulting from crashes involving trucks they own. Victims of a crash involving a large commercial truck, or their survivors, need an attorney with in-depth understanding of how to investigate a commercial truck crash, and the regulations and responsibilities governing commercial trucking in their state. Large commercial truck crashes involve catastrophic injuries or death resulting from:

- Truck driver negligence
- Trucking company negligence

### **Business Owner/Operator Liability**

Business owners and operators who invite the public onto their premises can be legally responsible for maintaining a safe environment. Dozens of circumstances may provide grounds for a claim of legal negligence, including poorly maintained or lighted walkways, faulty wiring, hazardously displayed merchandise, and wet floors or spills. Where the need for security measures is known or reasonably anticipated, the business owner or operator may need to provide adequate security features and/or personnel, and ensure the security personnel perform their jobs properly. Any business that sells alcohol is legally obligated to refuse to sell or serve it to a minor or to anyone who is obviously intoxicated. If they do, they can be held liable for any injuries caused by that person as a result of their intoxication.

- Premises Liability
- Slip and Fall injuries
- Failure to provide adequate security/security personnel
- Negligent security
- Dram shop and alcohol liability

### **Oilfield and Construction Injuries**

The oil and gas, pipeline, and construction industries account for some of the highest injury and fatality rates in the nation. Workers put in long, exhausting hours in close proximity to massive machinery, often in inclement weather and under other unsafe working conditions. Injuries or deaths can involve equipment failure; lack of training; inadequate oversight; omission of proper safeguards; unsafe drilling, construction, or safety procedures; worker fatigue; or a host of other causes. Employers who carry workers compensation insurance are usually immune from liability, but there are a host of others who may be held accountable, including contractors, manufacturers, and other third parties.

- Flash fires
- Blowouts and explosions
- Construction defects
- Construction injuries
- Contractor negligence
- OSHA violations
- Oil field trucking incidents
- Oil field drilling incidents

### **Automotive Product Liability**

Injuries involving motor vehicles do not always result solely from the negligence of the person that caused the crash. In some cases, they are caused by a failure in the vehicle itself, such as seat back or air bag malfunctions, or defects in tires, ignitions, dozens of other automotive components. A blowout at a high speed caused by a defective tire can cause catastrophic injury or death. Likewise, we have all heard news reports of airbag injuries due to unexpected deployment, sometimes turning interior hardware into lethal projectiles. Major automobile manufacturers are liable for such defects and failures in their vehicles. The Maltos Law Firm has successfully pursued litigation in this area and is committed to ensuring you get the compensation you deserve.

- Defective tires
- Airbag Defects
- Seat back malfunction



## **RESULTS**

### ***Proven Results: To Sustain You Now and Restore Your Hope for the Future***

We cannot change the harm that's been done to you, but we may be able to soften the blow. We cannot take away the physical or emotional pain of your loss, but we may be able to lessen the financial devastation that can drain your resources, strain your relationships, and shatter your dreams.

The world around you doesn't stop turning in the wake of a catastrophic injury or the death of a loved one. The harsh reality is mortgage companies, landlords, and creditors still expect to be paid. Groceries must be bought, your children must be clothed, and your car's gas tank filled. At a time when your life has been shattered, you are also seriously hobbled by lost income, an inability to work, mounting medical bills, or voluminous funeral expenses. No matter; you still have to find a way to provide for yourself and your family.

If your case is strong, Mr. Maltos can provide the legal guidance and emotional support you need to simplify the overwhelming, find your way forward, and persevere under the most difficult challenges life will ever hand you. He has recovered more than \$400,000 for clients over the past ## years—court awards that have helped hundreds of families reclaim their lives. He may be able to put you, too, back on firm financial footing, so you can pay for today's necessities, regain your footing, and envision a pathway toward a promising tomorrow.

(NOTE: Photo images below giving basic info, as on staging website. I would rethink breaking the awards down as shown, though, as some first-time visitors might be unprepared for how much the attorney fees are in relation to the whole recovery.)

**Manuel Maltos is a member of the Million Dollar and Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forums, among the most prestigious groups of trial lawyers in America—those who have won million-dollar and multi-million-dollar verdicts and settlements. Less than 1 percent of U.S. lawyers are members.**

## **TESTIMONIALS (subpage of “Results”)**

### ***A Tireless Advocate Firmly on Your Side***

Manuel Maltos has built his practice on a solid foundation of clear, honest communications with each client. Your case is about getting the compensation and justice you deserve, and he makes sure no one on his team loses sight of that fact. We don't view you as merely a client or your case as just a business opportunity; we are genuinely concerned about your well-being and that of your family. That's why Mr. Maltos changed courses early in his career to focus on personal injury law. Over the course of more than a decade working for a plaintiffs' attorney, he learned firsthand how satisfying it is to obtain justice for individuals who have been harmed by the negligence of others.

#### **Sample testimonial:**

John Smith was driving I-35, headed home to San Antonio from a business trip in Austin, looking forward to celebrating his five-year-old son's birthday the next day. It was 11:30 on a clear, crisp night. The roadway was dry and clear of debris. Suddenly, an 18-wheeler traveling in the opposite direction veered across the highway divide and jackknifed, slamming into John's car and killing him on impact. Mr. Maltos' investigation of the case found the truck driver had exceeded the maximum number of hours state regulations allowed him to drive without a rest stop. He represented the Smith family in a lawsuit against XYZ Trucking Company, which under Texas law, was fully liable for its drivers' actions in the course of employment. Mr. Maltos settled the case for \$2.5 million—money that enabled John's survivors to eventually put their lives back together. Today, John's wife is comfortable and secure. His son is a sophomore in high school, focusing on gaining admission to The University of Texas-SA and pursuing a career in architecture.