



## CONSUMER

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## LOCATION

Houston, TX

## OCCUPATION

Police Officer

### Why did you use Consumer Legal Funding?

On an early November morning, my wife Laurie and I were waiting to pay our toll on Beltway 8 when our car was demolished by an out of control garbage truck. While my injuries left me in a wheelchair for a few weeks, Laurie's injuries were much more severe. She suffered broken bones, a collapsed lung, and a traumatic brain injury. She spent 7 and a half months undergoing brain surgeries as well as re-learning to walk and talk. Unfortunately, Laurie will never be able to drive a car, work, or be left home alone again.

In the midst of this awful situation, money became an increasingly present issue. As a police officer, prior to the wreck I had to work 2 extra jobs to make ends meet for my wife and step-son. I am unable to continue to work these jobs and bring home extra income because I now need to be at home with Laurie. With this loss and the medical bills piling up, I turned to Consumer Legal Funding for help.

### How did Consumer Legal Funding help?

The financial help we received alleviated an enormous amount of stress that had been weighing heavily on our entire family. Due to my wife's condition, I am no longer able to work extra jobs to generate more income for my family. With this loss of more than \$50,000 in income, we were struggling to meet our basic living needs. The money we received from Consumer Legal Funding helped us when we needed it the most, and we have made every penny count.

### What would have happened if Consumer Legal Funding was not available to you?

If this funding had not been available to us, quite simply, we wouldn't have made it financially. During a time of extreme transition for our family, with Laurie's medical needs and my transition to her caregiver, making ends meet was extremely challenging. The help we received from Legal Funding helped us push through our worst nightmare of a scenario. If we hadn't received help when we did, it would have been utterly devastating for our family.