





## **ABOUT BOTELER, F**



an employee, the employer must file with the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations (the agency responsible for overseeing p Alabama Workmen's Compensation Act) an Employer's F

disabled from returning to his/her pre-injury wage rate then Temporary Partial Disability (TPD) benefits are available.

**VOCATIONAL BENEFIT:** If an Injured work



may be classified as an “occupational disease” if the condition has been brought about by exposure over a period of time.

**LEGAL CAUSATION:** For an illness or medical condition to be considered a compensable occupational disease, two legal requirements must be met: First, the illness or medical condition must be from a hazard in excess of those ordinarily encountered in employment in general. Two, the illness or medical condition must be peculiar to the occupation in which the employee is engaged. In other words, an ordinary disease, with no

However, you should use this second opinion option wisely. We would suggest, only, using this option once the current treating doctor has placed you at maximum medical improvement (MMI) and, only, if you disagree with the doctor's opinion about your physical limitations, ability to return to w

AN ATTORNEY. However, it is

## VI. HIRING AN ATTORNEY AN ATTORNEY NEEDS TO HIRE

Not every person who suffers a work-related injury knows their rights and have a general understanding of the wage and medical benefits available to them. AN ATTORNEY, however, will advise you on the best course of action. AN ATTORNEY will help you understand the 15% of the recovered wage benefit period. AN ATTORNEY will help you understand the compensation lawyers offer. AN ATTORNEY will help you understand the compensation lawyers offer.

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information and guidance for you.

