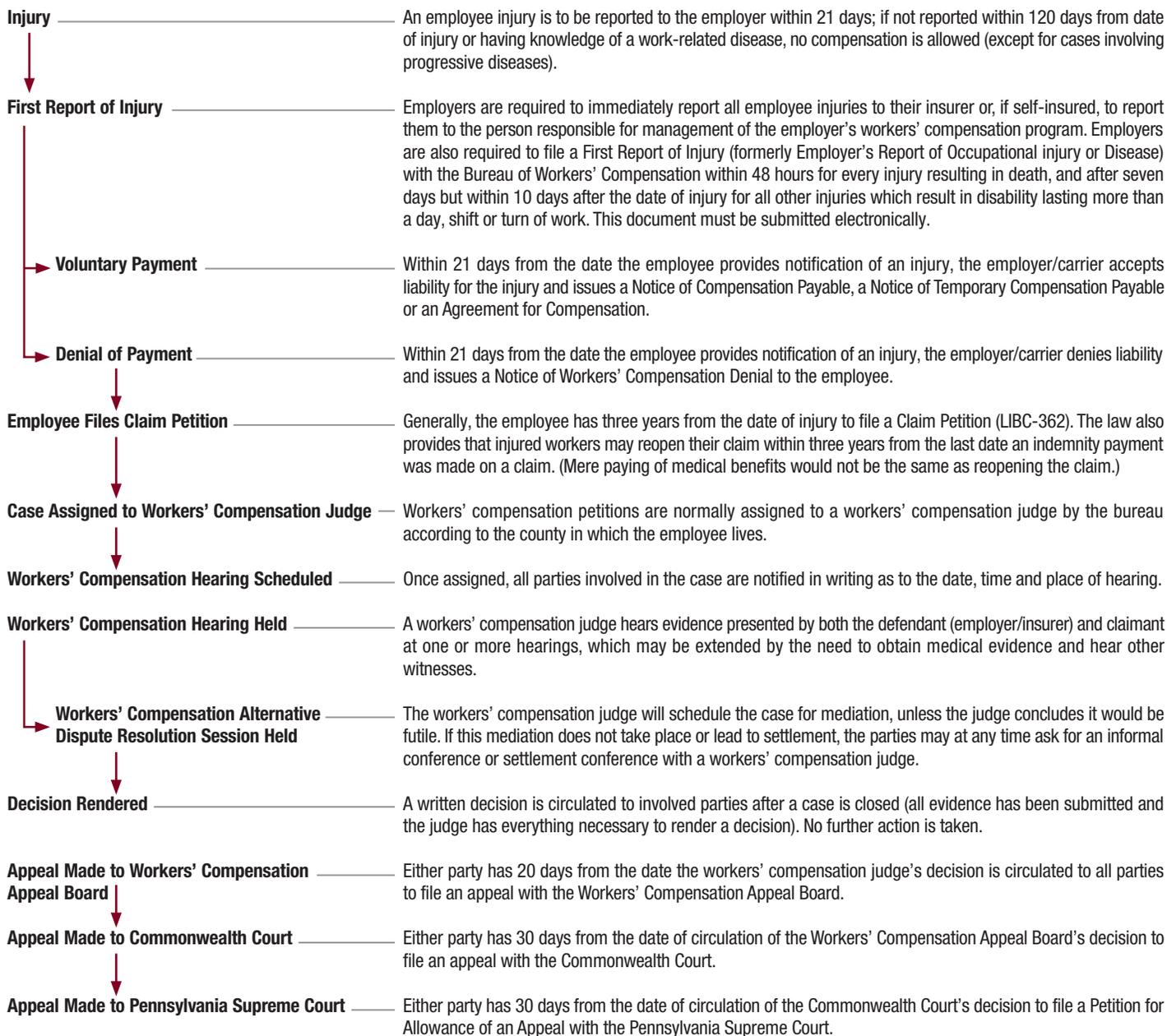


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Attorney Representation

A claimant may choose not to retain an attorney. However, if you decide not to have an attorney, then you must represent yourself. You cannot be represented by somebody who is not a lawyer. Since the employer will have an attorney represent their interests at the hearing, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation highly recommends that an employee retain an attorney experienced in workers' compensation law to represent him or her. It is advisable to have an attorney because it may be difficult

for an unrepresented claimant to obtain necessary reports and medical testimony, to present pertinent facts of the case, and to rebut the employer's witnesses and exhibits. The workers' compensation judge cannot present your case for you. Additionally, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation does not provide an attorney for the claimant and cannot recommend a specific attorney or law firm. Therefore, it is crucial that you retain an experienced workers' compensation lawyer to handle your claim. With over 35 years of experience representing claimants in workers' compensation proceedings, our law firm is well qualified. Please contact us at 412-281-3850 for a free consultation.