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One Critical Step to Safeguard a Client's Recovery Before It's Too Late

You've worked hard to win your client's case. But did you know that a single oversight in the settlement process could come back to hurt you—even years later? One of the most common causes of legal malpractice claims today is this: **relying on a defense-aligned broker to structure your client's settlement.**

Why This Is a Problem:

Defense-side brokers don't work for your client. They don't work for you. They're often "captive" to one insurance company, which means they promote limited options and are not fiduciaries. When something goes wrong—an annuity fails to protect public benefits, a lien wasn't addressed, or the tax allocation causes problems—the trail leads back to you.

The Critical Step You Can Take:

Bring in a settlement planning attorney early—before the release is signed and before any structured proposal is accepted. When you engage a legal expert who serves your side and understands the broader implications of settlement design, you retain control and protect yourself from liability.

How We Help:

At The Architected Settlement Law Group™, we work as part of your legal team—not in place of it. We coordinate with public benefit counsel, structure vendors, lien resolution experts, and tax professionals to make sure the settlement your client gets is the one you intended—and the one that holds up over time.

Bottom Line:

Don't assume the broker "has it handled." You're still on the hook. **Make one call to protect your client—and your practice: [586-803-8500](#) or click here to schedule a conversation.**

Let's talk before your next settlement is finalized.