

THE NEW SUSPECT CLASS:

Cyborgs - Should Damage to an Advanced Prosthetic be Personal Injury or Property Damage?

Monday, September 28, 2015 | 6:30pm-9pm

Price: Free

This event, which is open to the public, explores whether individuals who rely on prosthetics or other devices to perform daily activities should be able to sue for personal injury when their prosthetic/device has been damaged by another. Currently, if someone's prosthetic gets damaged in an accident, they cannot recover their lost time from work or lost enjoyment of life. They have only suffered property damage and are only entitled to recover the cost of the repair. Also, to the extent that advanced neural prosthetics are extensions of the human body, should they be covered under standard medical coverage as opposed to coverage for durable medical equipment?

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