**Problem 6.1: When Do You Need A Lawyer?**

**For each of the following situations,**

**discuss the reasons you may or may not need an attorney.**

a. You hit another car in a parking lot. Your insurance agent indicates that the company will pay for bodily injury and property damage.

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b. You borrow a friend's car without his knowledge, and he reports it to the police as stolen.

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c. You buy a new stereo for $500. One month later, the receiver and speakers blow out. You return to the store, and the salesperson tells you he is sorry but his stereos have only a two-week guarantee.

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d. You decide to trade in your old car and buy a new one.

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e. Two friends are caught robbing the cashier at a local store, and they name you as someone who helped plan the robbery.

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f. The principal suspends you for two days because of an article you wrote for the student paper criticizing the school dress code.

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g. You are turned down when you apply for a job. You think you were rejected because you are deaf.

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h. You do not want your family to inherit the $10,000 you have saved. After being told you will die within a year, you want the money to be used for cancer research.

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i. You and your spouse can no longer get along. You want a divorce.

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j. You earn $5,000 working in a restaurant during the year. You want to file your federal income tax return.

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