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GOLDLAW PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS

WE HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THOSE WHO HURT OTHERS.®

When the unforeseen becomes a reality, our mission is to provide hope, compassion, and guidance as your partners in recovery.

OUR CORE VALUES



The Gold Standard

We strive for excellence in everything we do. We have the resources to fight the insurance companies. We run a well-organized and stable practice that has given back to the community for more than 20 years.



Integrity

We conduct ourselves with professionalism in the office and in the community. We have strong moral principles. We are trustworthy and ethical.



Compassion

We are sensitive to the trauma our clients have suffered, which drives our commitment to help them recover. We provide support during a difficult time. We practice compassion with our clients, our team, and our community.



Respect

We value our clients' time, respond to their needs, and diligently pursue their case. We support our coworkers, enjoy working together, and celebrate the successes of our teams.



Innovation

We've reinvented the practice of personal injury law. We empower our team to develop new ways to serve our clients. We pursue cutting-edge technologies to get the best results.



Success

We have a strong record of winning. Our clients benefit due to our dynamic working environment and dedicated, long-term employees. Our leaders support and develop our teams.

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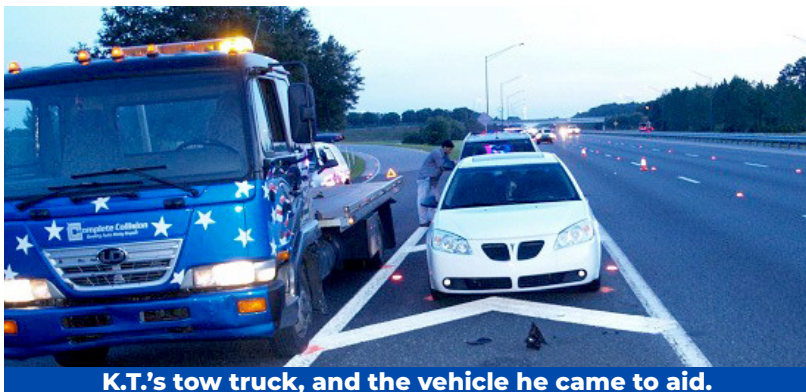
WHY I BECAME A PERSONAL INJURY LAWYER

Sometimes, I get so busy with managing GOLDLAW that I lose sight of why I originally chose to become a Personal Injury Lawyer. Then, I take on a case that reminds me of why I work so hard and why I get so much satisfaction in helping our clients recover from a horrible tragedy or trauma. This reminder occurred again when I handled a case involving the premature, preventable death of a young father in Northern Florida due to a tragic trucking accident.

I represented the widow and three young sons of “K.T.” against a trucking company for the negligent driving of their 18-wheeler driver, which resulted in the loss of K.T.’s life.

K.T, a young father in his 40s, worked as a tow truck driver for AAA near Jacksonville. He was “on call” one weekend. His employer called him in the middle of the night to take his tow truck to assist a stranded motorist whose car had broken down on a major highway. K.T. got out of bed, kissed his wife goodbye, got in his tow truck, and headed out to help the stranded motorist.

He arrived at the scene to help the motorist, who was outside of her vehicle along the side of the highway. He got out of his truck, and he and the stranded driver walked toward



the rear of her vehicle so he could write down her license plate number. She had already reached the rear of her vehicle and was standing behind it. However, K.T. was still slightly to the side of the vehicle as he walked toward the rear. The disabled vehicle’s hazard lights were on. The “antler lights” on K.T.’s AAA tow truck were also on.

The driver of the semi that was barreling down the interstate was driving in the lane that was closest to K.T. For some reason, the driver of the truck failed to be alerted by either the flashing hazard lights on the disabled vehicle or the flashing antler lights on K.T.’s AAA tow truck. Also, the driver of the 18-wheeler failed to heed Florida’s “Move Over” law, which requires vehicles to either slow down or change lanes when a driver sees an emergency vehicle on the side of the road.

The 18-wheeler veered slightly to the right as it approached K.T., who had almost reached the rear of the disabled vehicle. The driver of the disabled vehicle watched in horror as the speeding semi entered about one foot into the hazard lane where K.T. was a pedestrian, bearing down upon him.

K.T. probably never knew what hit him. The 18-wheeler hit his body, crushing him first against the disabled vehicle and then throwing K.T. several hundred feet after the initial impact. K.T. died instantly.

After this fatal accident, the driver of the semi eventually realized that he hit K.T. and pulled to the side of the road to await the Florida Highway Patrol and the Medical Examiner. A drug test taken within a few hours revealed that the driver had been on anti-anxiety medication that would have slowed down his reaction time and likely would have also negatively impacted his ability to safely drive a large commercial vehicle such as an 18-wheeler.

Using forensic evidence, the truck's "black box" data, accident reconstruction and testimony from trucking experts, we were able to prove that the 18-wheeler veered to the right, and into the shoulder, hitting and killing K.T.

Instead of moving over to the left, as required by Florida law, the drugged-up driver swerved right, killing my client.

After this tragedy, I had the honor of talking to K.T.'s widow, who after kissing him goodbye, had no idea it would be the last time she would see her husband alive. She told me that one of her sons, shortly after their father was killed, said "Mommy, I wish I was dead too, so I can see daddy in heaven."

I worked on the case with GOLDLAW Attorney Jorge Maxion. No amount of money could bring back K.T. for his wife and boys. However, once the trucking company started to reveal their frivolous defense that K.T. had walked into the roadway, and was therefore responsible for his own death, I knew that K.T.'s family needed our expertise to defend against the trucking company's evil effort to blame K.T. for the tragic accident.

After several months of investigation, the trucking company asked for an opportunity to mediate and resolve the case. We agreed. We then spent the entire day of mediation listening to the trucking company and their insurance company's representatives, who



Damage inflicted by the 18-wheeler.

looked K.T.'s wife in the eyes, and told her that her husband was at fault for his own death. It was an emotional day.

We ended up resolving the case that day for an amount of money that ensured that K.T.'s wife and two boys would not have to worry about supporting themselves. While the settlement funds could never replace a husband or a father, the money provided some solace and closure for their tragic loss.

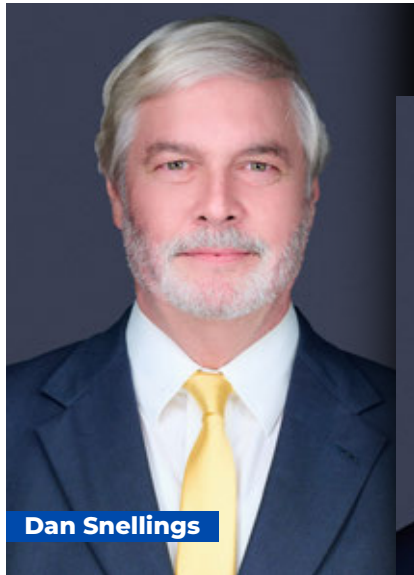
When the case was over, Jorge and I reflected on the several months of hard work and the results of our labor for K.T.'s family. I was reminded why I chose to become a Personal Injury attorney – to protect people from frivolous legal defenses and profit-obsessed insurance companies.

I am honored to engage in a profession where I can help people recover from an event that may have been a life-altering tragedy. The case involving K.T.'s death provided a chilling reminder of the frailty of life and solidified the importance of GOLDLAW's mission: "We hold accountable those who hurt others."

In the tragic case involving K.T. and his family, my entire law firm succeeded in our mission. Cases like this one remind me that without a doubt, I chose the right career.

Craig M. Goldenfarb, Esq.
Founder/CEO

GOLDLAW NEWS



Dan Snellings



Michael H. Kugler

SNELLINGS, KUGLER JOIN LEGAL TEAM

GOLDLAW is excited to welcome two attorneys to the legal team. Now heading the Pre-Suit Team is Director Dan Snellings. A graduate of Tulane University Law School, he has more than 25 years of experience litigating personal injury cases throughout the United States.

Joining the litigation team is Michael H. Kugler. A former Asst. State Attorney in West Palm Beach, the Nova Southeastern University Law School grad has successfully prosecuted numerous high value catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases. GOLDLAW is proud that our clients now have two more talented attorneys to fight for them!

NEW YEAR PROMOTIONS

GOLDLAW believes in promoting from within our law firm because of the strength and dedication of our team! We're proud to recognize the following employees on their recent promotions:



Paola Delacruz



Kelly Bellucci



Alex Maldonado

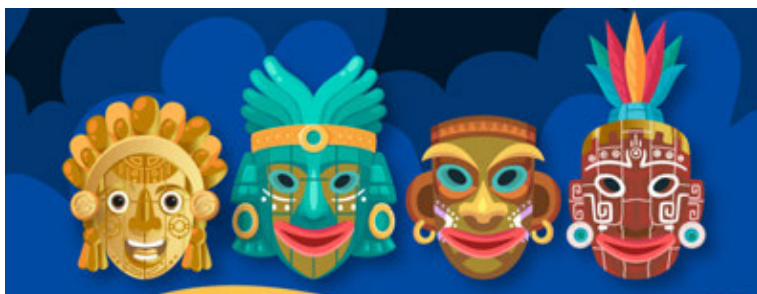
- Paola Delacruz - Litigation Paralegal
- Alex Maldonado - Pre-Suit Case Manager
- Taneria Mitchell - HR Director
- Kelly Bellucci - Pre-Suit Manager
- Jodie Sotiropoulos - Marketing Director



MAKING HOLIDAY WISHES COME TRUE! **December 12, 2023**

How many CEOs walk into the office, tell the firm's videographer and social media specialist: "Grab your gear. We're going out to make the Holidays special for some deserving people!" And with that, "MC Craig Kringle" Goldenfarb grabbed his Santa hat, and took a quick sleigh ride to a local retailer, eager to make the gift-giving season that much better for some local families. Within an hour, mission accomplished! GOLDLAW's Founder and CGG (Chief Gift Giver) made the Holidays better for three families, surprising them by walking up to them and telling them, "My name is Craig. I'm a local lawyer, and I'm paying for everything that's in your cart!" And he did. A Christmas tree. Many gifts. Turkeys and other groceries. "Giving back to the community is something I cherish," said MC Craig Kringle. "There's no better feeling than helping people out, and experiencing their happiness and gratitude. I can't wait to do it again."

GOLDLAW GIVES



FIESTA DE PUEBLO **January 6, 2024**

Since its inception as a radio show in 2006, Fiesta de Pueblo has evolved into a significant cultural phenomenon as a champion of arts, business, and multiculturalism in Palm Beach County's Hispanic community. GOLDLAW's continued support aligns with the event's mission to educate and empower Latinos/Hispanics and other underserved communities through the arts, by celebrating the diverse cultures, histories, and heritages of 21 countries. Together, Fiesta de Pueblo and GOLDLAW continue to foster multicultural integration, with the goal of establishing Palm Beach County as Florida's Cultural Capital.



SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR **January 12-28, 2024**

When it comes to community events, the South Florida Fair is KING in Palm Beach County! GOLDLAW enjoyed another fantastic year at the fair, thanks to the efforts of the entire team. The expanded GOLDLAW booth distributed thousands of pieces of branded "swag," and the firm sponsored "GOLDLAW Day," on January 23rd, with many staff participating in the evening-ending parade. Two lucky fair goers won our two raffle prizes: a 32" smart TV and "Chompers," a 47" plushie shark toy, in support of the fair's ocean theme, "Dive into the Fun!" What a great two weeks!

REVIEWS FROM HAPPY CLIENTS

Share your experience with the GOLDLAW team!
Let others know that you had a great experience with our law firm by leaving us an online review.



Here's how: You must have a Gmail account to post a Google review. To open an account, visit www.gmail.com, and follow the instructions. Once you create your account, it's easy!

From Your Browser

1. Log into your Gmail account, and search Google.com for the business you want to review (in this case, GOLDLAW).
2. Find the reviews area, (next to the star rating in the search results, or under the business name in the sidebar in Google search). Click on the blue font that says "WRITE A REVIEW."
3. Click on the number of stars you want to leave for GOLDLAW, then write about your experience. Click "POST" when you are done.

From the Google Maps App

1. In the Google maps app on your phone, search for GOLDLAW.
2. Google Maps will return search result with a map that includes a banner at the bottom about GOLDLAW. Click that banner.
3. Scroll down in the window that pops up until you get to the Reviews section. You will see our law firm's profile picture. Click on the number of stars you want to leave for GOLDLAW, then write about your experience.
4. Click "POST" to leave the review.

JOHN K.

November 29, 2023



After an auto accident. Someone recommended I contact GOLDLAW, and boy am I glad I did! The case was quite complicated, as it involved international auto insurance. Despite this, my lawyer, Paul Shalhoub, handled it all seamlessly. He was not only extremely informative, but he really has a way of putting you at ease, knowing he was going to get the best result possible. I highly recommend GOLDLAW! They do not disappoint, and I will continue to pay it forward. I am going to be recommending them to anyone that asks.

CHARLIE R.

November 29, 2023



I had the GREATEST experience with GOLDLAW...they 100% care about their client's best interest. Communication was always the best. Not once did I receive a phone call with bad news. My attorney, Jeff Kirby, did a great job and was fully transparent throughout the whole process, and his paralegal Emily always went the extra mile! I highly recommend GOLDLAW for any of your personal injury needs...you will not be disappointed...

LEBERTH R.

December 12, 2023



GOLDLAW has been a pleasure to work with. The experience has been nothing but amazing. We were skeptical and nervous at first as this was new territory for us, but we quickly gained a sense of comfort as this team radiates nothing but knowledge, experience and confidence. Not to leave anyone out, but Lani Weir has been amazing to work with! On the ball with every interaction and making sure that everything is completed in a timely manner. We are truly blessed to have GOLDLAW in our corner.

IYAD A.

December 14, 2023



I would like to thank the entire team at GOLDLAW. Lani Weir worked tirelessly on my case. She was a pleasure to work with,, and she is always on top of matters. My attorneys, Spencer Kuvin and Tim Kenison, handled my case professionally and they won! My case was complex and took time to resolve, but to my great satisfaction. Thank you to everyone at the firm!

FLORIDA DRIVING BY THE NUMBERS

15,700,000

Licensed Drivers in Florida



26.7%

Uninsured Drivers in Florida



\$3,183

Average Annual Car Insurance Premium in Florida



637,600

Motorcycles Registered in Florida



7,853,979

Registered Cars in Florida



359,560

Vehicle Crashes in Florida
(From 1/1/23 - 12/7/23)



3,434

Florida Car Accident Fatalities (2022)



Sources: Bankrate.com, Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), Insurance Information Institute, National Safety Council

NAVIGATING THE SUNSHINE STATE'S ROADS: A GUIDE TO FLORIDA CAR INSURANCE

Hitting the open road in Florida, with the breeze in your hair and the sun shining down, is a simple pleasure for drivers in the Sunshine State. But before you cruise down palm-lined roadways, you need to understand the state's unique car insurance requirements and options. So buckle up, as we take a ride through Florida's insurance landscape.

Mandatory Minimums: The Essentials You Can't Go Without

Just like you wouldn't drive without your seatbelt fastened, Florida law requires specific insurance coverage for every driver and car. Think of it as a safety net for you and others on the road. These are the "must-haves":

1. Personal Injury Protection (PIP):

This covers 80% of necessary medical expenses up to \$10,000 for you, your spouse and relatives living in your home, regardless of who's at fault (think broken bones, stitches, or doctor visits). It covers 60% of your lost wages if you cannot work due to your injuries. Also, Florida law requires that you seek medical attention within 14 days of the accident or you will lose the \$10,000 in coverage.

2. Property Damage Liability (PDL): This covers damage you cause to other people's cars or property with your vehicle. If you accidentally ram into someone's parked Ferrari, PDL pays to fix their car.

Both PIP and PDL have a minimum coverage of \$10,000. It's only a starting point, but remember, higher coverage means better protection.

Beyond the Basics: Choosing Your Coverage

Now, let's level up your insurance game by exploring optional coverages that we recommend you purchase:

1. Bodily Injury Liability (BIL): This covers injuries you cause to others in an accident, including pain and suffering. For example, if someone gets whiplash after you rear-end them, BIL helps to take care of their medical bills and their pain and suffering.

2. Collision and Comprehensive: These cover your car for damage, whether it's from a fender bender or a rogue rainstorm flooding your engine. These coverages are optional and often come with a \$500 deductible.

3. Uninsured / Underinsured Motorist (UM): UM pays for your pain and suffering if you are hurt by the fault of another driver and that driver has no/too little insurance to cover the extent of your injuries. Like PIP, UM coverage also applies in some cases to household relatives or other passengers in your car.



Florida's No-Fault Twist: How Claims Work

Florida is one of the few states that follow a No-Fault insurance system. What does that mean for you as a driver? In a No-Fault state, after an accident, each person turns to their own insurance to cover their medical bills and other immediate expenses, regardless of who was at fault for causing the accident. The idea behind this system is to reduce the number of lawsuits for minor injuries and damages. However, it's



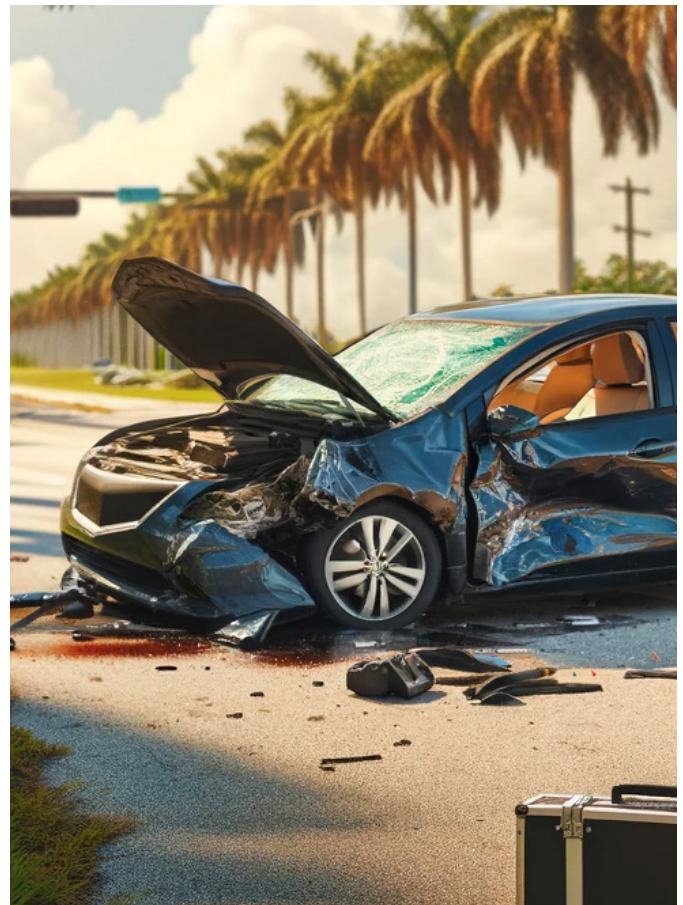
important to note that No-Fault insurance does not cover vehicle damage; that's where your PDL and collision coverages come into play.

coverage like BIL, Collision, Comprehensive, or UM can provide greater peace of mind. Stay informed and drive safely!

How does No-Fault Insurance Affect Claims?

In a No-Fault state like Florida, if you're injured in a car accident, you'll first make a claim under your PIP coverage for medical expenses, regardless of who caused the accident. This system can speed up the process of getting your medical expenses covered because you don't have to wait to determine who was at fault. However, there's a catch. Since Florida is a No-Fault state, suing the other driver for injuries is only possible under certain conditions, like if the injuries are severe or permanent. This limitation can be a double-edged sword: it can limit your ability to get compensation in some situations, but it also protects you from being sued over minor injuries.

Understanding car insurance in Florida is crucial for every driver. While the state's No-Fault system simplifies certain aspects of post-accident procedures, it's essential to be aware of its limitations. Remember, the required PIP and PDL coverages are just the starting point. Depending on your circumstances, investing in additional





Featured Attorney

JEFF KIRBY

"Jeff is synonymous with tenacity and triumph in the fight for justice. Few lawyers possess the depth of experience and unwavering dedication Jeff brings to every case. His journey, from defending corporations to championing Plaintiffs, reflects a deep-seated commitment to fairness and a passion for helping those most in need."

Spencer T. Kuvin
Chief Legal Officer

ABOUT JEFF



Graduated from FSU undergrad, and the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.



Recognized as an expert in Premises Liability Litigation.



Has one sister who lives in Gulf Breeze, Florida.



Hobbies include hiking, biking, fishing, and cooking.



Avid inshore fisherman; counts Everglades City and the 10,000 Islands as his favorite places to fish.



Once caught a 260 lb. blue marlin in 865' of water off Boynton Beach.



Enjoys '60s, '70s, and '80s rock & roll; fan of Rush, Aerosmith, Led Zeppelin, and the Eagles.



Father to two boys, 21 and 16.



Hiking Zion National Park in Utah is on his bucket list!

Jeff's expertise spans the spectrum of personal injury law. His victories against insurance companies in cases involving nursing home abuse, negligent security, motor vehicle and truck crashes, and defective products serve as a testament to his unwavering commitment to fighting insurance companies.

In the courtroom, Jeff's intellect and poise inspire confidence. He carefully navigates legal complexities, creating compelling narratives that resonate with juries. His dedication extends far beyond the courtroom; he tirelessly advocates for client interests, ensuring their voices are heard at every stage of their case.

At GOLDLAW, Jeff is more than just an excellent lawyer – he's a pillar of our team. His mentorship and unwavering support empower his colleagues, fostering a collaborative environment where success thrives. We are deeply grateful for the significant role he plays in GOLDLAW's continued growth and impact.

Thank you, Jeff, for your exceptional legal counsel, unwavering dedication, and for constantly reminding us of the power of justice in action.

CRUISE FLORIDA'S ROADS WITH CONFIDENCE: AVOIDING ACCIDENTS IN THE SUNSHINE STATE

Florida's allure extends beyond its pristine beaches and vibrant cities. The state's network of highways and scenic oceanfront roads beckon the exploration of bustling metropolises and charming coastal towns. However, these roads also present challenges, with Florida consistently ranking among states with the highest accident rates.

At GOLDLAW, we recognize the impact that traffic accidents can have on individuals and families. While we understand the desire to embrace the freedom of the open road, we also advocate for driving practices that prioritize safety. Here are some essential tips for navigating Florida's highways, minimizing your risk of an accident, and ensuring a smooth journey.

1. Prioritize Defensive Driving

Florida's roads can certainly be described as a "dynamic" ecosystem, filled with diverse drivers and unexpected situations. Anticipate the unpredictable. Maintain a safe following distance and avoid distractions. By adopting a defensive mindset, you'll allow yourself to react efficiently and prevent avoidable collisions.

2. Respect the Speed Limit

The thrill of the open road can tempt drivers to push the limits. However, exceeding the speed limit significantly increases the severity of potential accidents. Remember, the posted speed limit is not a suggestion; it's a calculated safeguard established to minimize risk.

3. Adapt to Weather Conditions

Florida's unpredictable weather, from torrential rain to high wind squalls, demands constant attention. As a driver, you need to adjust your speed, turn on the headlights, and maintain increased awareness during periods of inclement weather. Remember, slowing down is not a sign of weakness. It's a



practical measure to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

4. Use Seatbelts!

Wearing a seatbelt extends beyond safeguarding yourself. By remaining secure in your seat, you prevent yourself from becoming a projectile that could harm other passengers in the event of a collision. It's an act of responsibility that benefits you and all those around you.

5. Be Vigilant

Being aware of your surroundings and anticipating potential issues can help drivers avoid many accidents. This includes keeping a safe following distance, being cautious at intersections, and watching for pedestrians and cyclists.

Road safety in Florida hinges on each driver's commitment to responsible and cautious driving practices. Remember, safe driving isn't just about following rules; it's about fostering a culture of accountability and care on the road, and ensuring that everyone, from the daily commuter to the occasional traveler, reaches their destination safely.

FLORIDA'S MOST DANGEROUS ROADWAYS



Although Florida is renowned for its vibrant culture, stunning beaches, and bustling tourism, the state also has a more startling distinction: it is home to some of the most dangerous roadways in the United States. In 2022, there were more than 359,500 car crashes across the state, which caused 242,622 injuries and 3,434 fatalities. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), six of the ten deadliest highways in the U.S. are located in Florida. Here's a look at five of the most dangerous roadways in the Sunshine State:

1. U.S. 19: The "Grim Reaper's" Highway

Despite modest populations in Pinellas and Pasco Counties, U.S. 19 stands out due to its consistently high fatality rate. The road combines the dangers of urban travel, - with storefronts and numerous entry and exit points - and high-speed highway conditions. This results in a confusing, and often perilous driving experience, where the rapid change in speeds and dense traffic conditions contribute to a high accident rate. Traffic volume also plays a major role. According to the Florida Department of Transportation, U.S. 19 often attracts more than 100,000 drivers per day.

2. U.S. Highway 1: Scenic but Deadly

Stretching 545 miles along Florida's east coast, U.S. 1 is one of the most picturesque roadways in the country. However, its urban sections in Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties transform into nightmares of stop-and-go traffic, confusing traffic patterns, and inconsistent road conditions.

3. Interstate 75: Summertime Mayhem

Running north-south through central and western Florida, I-75 sees a major surge in fatalities during the summer months. In Alachua County alone, accident rates soar 90% above the state average during this period. Contributing factors include

increased tourism, drowsy driving from long trips, and wet road conditions due to summer storms.

4. I-95: Urban Congestion and High-Speed Travel

Spanning almost 550 miles from Key West to Georgia, one of the biggest contributing factors to the dangers on I-95 is the lack of effective guardrails along vast stretches of the highway. Because of its extensive size, there is also a limited police presence in many areas, allowing reckless and negligent drivers to be the cause of a high number of accidents and fatalities. Also, ongoing construction projects plague the highway, seemingly with no end.

5. Interstate 4: The "Haunted Highway"

Considered "haunted" due to legends that say the roadway was built atop cemeteries and Indian burial grounds, this 132-mile, east-west artery between Daytona Beach and Tampa is the busiest interstate in the country. According to transportation analytics company Teletrac, I-4 is also the most dangerous highway in the United States based on annual fatalities per mile. Why is I-4 so perilous? Its unique characteristics set it apart. Truck traffic heavily populates the highway due to it being the sole east-west interstate in the region. Inadequate infrastructure and ongoing construction projects further compound I-4's safety issues.

Florida's highways may offer scenic coastal cruises and cross-state sightseeing excursions, but navigating them demands patience and caution. By prioritizing safety, practicing responsible driving habits, and understanding potential dangers, we can transform these concrete ribbons into safer avenues for all. Remember, every driver holds the power to make a difference, one responsible mile at a time.

**HYATT REGENCY BOSTON
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**



7 FIGURE ATTORNEY SEMINAR

The 8th edition of GOLDLAW Founder/CEO Craig Goldenfarb's **7 Figure Attorney Summit** is coming to the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts, on Thursday, April 11! The full day workshop is jampacked with practical action steps and strategies you can implement now to help take your firm's performance to new heights. Craig and his Executive Team will provide lessons to help you:

- Discover your Inner Leader
- Build a Team that Lasts
- Create a High-Profile Brand

- Invest for the Long-Haul
- Improve Your Work/Life Balance

In addition to the seminar, your \$1,299 registration fee includes a private cocktail reception on Wednesday, April 10, and breakfast and lunch on Thursday! To register, and get more information about this must-see attend event for Personal Injury Attorneys, scan this QR Code.



REGISTER HERE!

A THANK YOU FROM GOLDLAW!



In 2024, GOLDLAW is celebrating your trust, support, and resilience! To give back to the incredible community that has helped us flourish, we are offering a chance to win a \$250 VISA Gift Card!

Whether you are a loyal client, a potential future client, or simply someone who believes in fighting for justice, this giveaway is for YOU! We wouldn't be here without your support, and we want to say thank you for choosing GOLDLAW.

Here's how to enter:

1. Grab your smartphone! Scan the QR Code below using your camera app.
2. Fill out the quick entry form! It's just a few questions to learn more about you.
3. That's it! You're automatically entered!

Scan the QR Code and enter now! Last day to enter is **Tuesday, April 30, 2024!**

One lucky winner will be chosen on May 1, 2024, and will be contacted by GOLDLAW. Good luck!



SCAN THE CODE!



CAR ACCIDENT Q&A WITH GOLDLAW ATTORNEYS

Why hire a Personal Injury Lawyer?

Hiring an attorney after a car accident is crucial for protecting your rights and interests. A skilled lawyer will manage communications with insurance companies and other parties, ensuring you're only asked appropriate questions and preserving vital evidence. Without legal representation, many individuals are often misled by insurance companies, causing them to potentially waive their rights to fair compensation. At GOLDLAW, our experienced legal team focuses on your well-being, allowing you to concentrate on recovery while we safeguard your ability to pursue claims. GOLDLAW attorneys specialize in defending your rights and ensuring you're not taken advantage of by insurance companies who do not have your best interests at heart.



Paul Shalhoub

I just got hurt in a car accident, what should I do?

If you or anyone in your vehicle is injured in an accident, call 911 immediately. Under Florida law, if the accident only involves property or vehicle damage and impedes traffic flow, you're required to move the vehicles (F.S. 316.061 et seq.). If injuries are involved, wait for law enforcement's directions before moving any vehicle. Document the scene with photos before moving anything, if possible. Exchange insurance information with the other driver once the police arrive. Seek medical attention promptly to document any injuries, informing the medical provider about how the injuries occurred. If unable to work, obtain a note from your healthcare provider for your employer. Contact your auto insurer to report the accident. Afterwards, document everything you recall about the incident and inform your employer if you're unable to work due to the accident.



Dan Snellings

Do I need to seek medical attention? If so, who should I see?

It is advisable to seek medical attention immediately after an accident, even if you feel "fine." Florida law gives accident victims a 14-day window from the time of the accident to seek medical care to qualify for Personal Injury Protection (PIP) benefits, but it's wise to get checked right away. The type of medical professional you should see depends on your injuries. For emergency situations, visit an



Mike Kugler

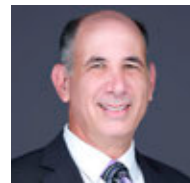
ER or urgent care facility. For less urgent injuries, seeing your primary care physician or a chiropractor who specializes in auto accidents is advisable. These professionals can assess your condition and document any injuries related to your accident, which is crucial for any potential injury claim. Always ensure the medical provider understands the injuries are from a car accident, as this documentation is vital for your claim.



Paul McBride

How will I get my medical bills paid, my car fixed, and recoup lost wages after I've been injured in a car accident?

After a car accident in Florida, your medical bills initially get covered by your own Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance. As Florida is a no-fault state, PIP covers up to \$10,000 of medical expenses and lost wages, regardless of who caused the accident. For damages exceeding PIP limits or for non-economic damages like pain and suffering, you may pursue a claim against the at-fault driver's insurance. To get your car fixed, you can file a property damage claim with your insurance or at the at-fault party's insurer. If you have Collision coverage, you can use it, though you might be responsible for a deductible initially. For lost wages exceeding PIP coverage, you can seek compensation through the at-fault driver's liability insurance. Consult with a GOLDLAW car accident lawyer to navigate these claims and maximize your compensation!



Mike Wasserman

What mistakes can potentially wreck a personal injury claim?

As a Florida personal injury attorney, I've seen several mistakes that can jeopardize a car accident claim even if you're not at fault. First, not seeking prompt medical attention can imply your injuries are not serious, affecting your claim's credibility. Florida law requires you to seek treatment within 14 days for PIP benefits to apply. Second, failing to document the accident scene and injuries or not gathering witness information can weaken your case. Third, admitting fault or making statements that could be interpreted as such to any party involved can be detrimental. Lastly, posting details or discussing your claim on social media can provide evidence that undermines your case. Avoiding these mistakes is crucial for protecting your rights and maximizing your compensation.



GOLDLAW CLIENT SUCCESS STORIES

When a preventable injury occurs, life spirals out of control. Medical treatment becomes all-consuming, financial insecurity darkens the horizon, and loved ones carry the weight of worry alongside the injured person. The confusion and stress of pursuing a claim alone can make recovery feel impossible. Yet, there is a path forward. A skilled personal injury lawyer can be your critical ally in this journey, advocating tirelessly for fair compensation. For their clients, this unwavering support provides resources, knowledge, and most importantly, hope for a brighter future, for the injured individual and their family.

Here's what a number of recent GOLDLAW clients had to say about their experience with the firm:

Amber D.

Type of Case

Auto Accident

Why GOLDLAW?

Referred by best friend's sister

Satisfaction Level (Scale of 1-5)

5..."Extremely satisfied!"

Quote

"Working with Maddie (Guerrero) is like talking to a friend!"

Nicole F.

Type of Case

Auto Accident

Why GOLDLAW?

Considers GOLDLAW "family," because the firm helped her previously.

Satisfaction Level (Scale of 1-5)

5..."Everyone at GOLDLAW was amazing!"

Quote

"Paul (Shalhoub) and Jorge (Maxion) were phenomenal. What a wonderful experience!"

Shayina G.

Type of Case

Negligent Security

Why GOLDLAW?

"My original attorney was moving too slow and did not communicate. I fired them and was referred to GOLDLAW by a former client."

Satisfaction Level (Scale of 1-5)

5..."Everything happened the way Paul said it would!"

Quote

"I could not have been more pleased. The settlement I received will allow me to invest in my business and provide working capital."

Angela A.

Type of Case

Medical Malpractice
(Doctor, Nurse, Hospital)

Why GOLDLAW?

"I felt at home after talking with the staff. They earned my trust."

Satisfaction Level (Scale of 1-5)

5..."Long process, but very happy with the results."

Quote

"Communication from the firm was wonderful. It was important to me because it made me feel valued."

Kelly H.

Type of Case

Premises Liability

Why GOLDLAW?

She was referred by a GOLDLAW employee's family member.

Satisfaction Level (Scale of 1-5)

5..."I considered other firms, but the referral made all the difference."

Quote

"Everything went well, and the settlement was more than I ever imagined!"

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DRIVERLESS CARS: FANTASY OR REALITY?

The dream of driverless cars has captivated imaginations for decades. From futuristic sci-fi visions portrayed in the “Jetsons” cartoons, to sleek concept cars introduced at auto shows, the promise of autonomous vehicles transforming our roads has been alluring. But where do we stand today, and what does the future hold for this revolutionary technology?

A Brief History of a Technological Marvel

The seeds of driverless cars were sown in the early 20th century with rudimentary concepts like cruise control. In the 1980’s, the Navlab Project at Carnegie Mellon University’s Robotic Institute developed a series of autonomous and semi-autonomous vehicles, paving the way for autonomous navigation research. The 21st century has produced rapid advancements in technology with tech giants like Tesla and Google joining the race, alongside well-known car manufacturers.

The Present Landscape: A Patchwork of Progress and Challenges

The United States has emerged as a key player in the driverless car industry. In 2016, the Obama administration issued the first specific guidelines for autonomous vehicles, followed by the Trump era’s AV TEST Act in 2017. However, the regulatory landscape remains fragmented, with individual states adopting varying approaches. “Ultimately, the public needs to have a say in how autonomous vehicles are regulated,” said Sally Greenberg, Sr. Director of Research and Advocacy at the National Consumer League. “We need open and transparent dialogue about the benefits and risks of this technology, and the policies that will guide its development.”

Data Points Paint a Mixed Picture

Despite the hype, the reality of driverless cars is still evolving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), as of June

2023, over 30 companies have received permission to test autonomous vehicles in the U.S. However, the vast majority of these vehicles operate in controlled environments and require human oversight. “We’re still in the early states of a long learning process,” said Dr. Lex Fridman, a research scientist at MIT. “Self-driving cars require robust perception, a deep understanding of the world, and the ability to handle complex situations. We’re not quite there yet.”

Hiccups on the Highway

The path to a driverless world hasn’t been without its speedbumps. Tesla has endured vehicle recalls since 2020 for a number of problems, including issues with its Autopilot System. In 2023, General Motors recalled its Cruise robotaxis after a software glitch caused unexpected breaking. These incidents highlight the ongoing challenges of ensuring the safety and reliability of autonomous driving technology.



Looking Ahead...

Despite the obstacles, the potential benefits of driverless cars remain undeniable. From reducing traffic accidents to reshaping urban planning, the possibilities are endless. Experts predict that Level 4 Autonomy (high automation with limited human intervention) could become a reality in the next decade.

Is there a future for human-machine “harmony?” Absolutely, says Dr. Mark Anderson, AI Researcher and author of *Humans and Machines: Building a Better Future Together*. “The fear of machines replacing us? Let’s flip the script. Level 4 autonomy can free us from tedious commutes, allowing us to work, connect, or simply relax while our smart vehicles navigate. It’s not about ceding control, but about collaborating with artificial intelligence for a safer, more productive, and perhaps even more enjoyable journey.”

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