

Horst Shewmaker Addresses SB 68 Impact on GA-400 Crash Evidence

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Horst Shewmaker, LLC, an Alpharetta-based personal injury firm, is drawing attention to how a recently enacted Georgia law may affect the preservation of traffic camera evidence for car accident victims along the GA-400 corridor in North Fulton County. The firm raised the issue following a serious injury crash that prompted a full shutdown of Georgia 400 within the past week, a closure reported by WSB-TV Channel 2 as the Alpharetta Department of Public Safety and Georgia State Patrol responded to the scene.

The recent shutdown followed other reported crashes in the area. On June 11, 2026, a serious injury crash on Westside Parkway between Hembree Road and Maxwell Road closed southbound lanes and required emergency response from the Alpharetta Department of Public Safety. That collision occurred on one of Alpharetta's primary north-south surface connectors linking GA-400 commercial development to the city's residential and technology office corridor.

The firm has also noted incidents near the Mansell Road and Haynes Bridge Road interchanges. A prior serious injury collision on the southbound lanes of GA-400 near those exits required emergency transport to North Fulton Hospital, with the Alpharetta Traffic Enforcement Unit conducting an investigation. That crash caused structural damage to a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) overhead variable message sign, closing GA-400 south at the Mansell exit for hours while GDOT assessed the sign's structural integrity.

At the center of the firm's concern is Georgia Senate Bill 68, which was signed into law on April 21, 2025. Among its provisions, the law permits defendants to file a motion to stay discovery for up to 90 days. Because publicly operated traffic cameras record footage that is subject to a retention schedule rather than indefinite storage, the firm notes that a discovery stay of this length could, in some circumstances, coincide with the routine cycling of relevant footage before a claimant's attorneys are able to request it. Attorneys reviewing such matters generally recommend early preservation requests to address that timing concern. The Horst Shewmaker Alpharetta Car Accident Lawyer team focuses on evidence preservation in corridor crash

matters.

"Traffic camera footage along GA-400 can help establish lane positions, merge sequences, and pre-crash behavior in high-speed crashes where no dashcam footage from the involved vehicles exists," said Zachary S. Shewmaker, Attorney at Horst Shewmaker, LLC. "Because SB 68 introduces a discovery stay that can run alongside standard footage retention periods, issuing preservation demands promptly after a crash is reported has become a central part of handling GA-400 corridor claims."

Car accident claims arising in North Fulton County are generally filed in the Fulton County Superior Court and State Court in Atlanta, and the firm notes that familiarity with local court procedures can affect how such cases proceed. Horst Shewmaker attorneys, including Michael Horst, Zachary Shewmaker, Jarrett Miller, Torrie Dale, and Valerie Pallos, represent car accident clients throughout the region. More information on the Alpharetta Car Accident Lawyer practice, based on Westside Way adjacent to the GA-400 and Haynes Bridge Road interchange, can be found on the firm's website.

Horst Shewmaker, LLC is a BBB-accredited personal injury law firm based in Alpharetta, Georgia, representing car accident victims, truck accident survivors, motorcycle riders, and other injury clients throughout North Fulton County, Metro Atlanta, Augusta, and statewide Georgia. The firm's attorneys handle matters involving auto accidents, personal injury, and wrongful death, and all cases are handled on a contingency fee basis.

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