



Weinstein Firm Releases Atlanta Bicycle Crash Analysis

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The Weinstein Firm has released an analysis of the legal challenges confronting cyclists injured on Atlanta's highest-conflict corridors, prompted by a June 2025 crash that left a rider in critical condition on Moreland Avenue in East Atlanta. According to the Atlanta Police Department and FOX 5 Atlanta, the cyclist crossed into the opposing lane of travel on June 20, 2025, at approximately 9 p.m. and was struck by a Toyota traveling in the opposite direction. The rider was transported to Grady Memorial Hospital in critical condition. The collision occurred on one of Atlanta's primary BeltLine-adjacent surface arterials, a location where trail users transition from a protected path into mixed-traffic roadway.

The firm's analysis notes that BeltLine street crossings near Krog Street, Highland Avenue, 10th Street, and the Eastside Trail connections in Midtown, the Old Fourth Ward, and Inman Park are locations where turning drivers and through-riding cyclists can come into conflict. That observation draws on Charter Chambers' 2026 analysis of Atlanta bicycle crash patterns. Nationally, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration attributes approximately 36 percent of cyclist fatalities to intersection scenarios, with right and left hook turns identified as a predominant mechanism, according to NHTSA fatality data. The Weinstein Firm has indicated these underlying figures are drawn from the Charter Chambers report and published NHTSA statistics so that

readers may review the source methodology.

Georgia law under O.C.G.A. § 40-6-56 requires motor vehicle operators to give cyclists a minimum of three feet of clearance when passing. The firm's analysis explains that when a driver violates that three-foot standard and strikes a cyclist or forces a rider off the roadway, the statutory violation may support a negligence per se argument. Whether such an argument succeeds depends on the specific facts of each case and applicable Georgia law, and liability is not automatic. The analysis also references Propel ATL's annual traffic safety report, which found that state routes maintained by the Georgia Department of Transportation, including Moreland Avenue and Northside Drive, accounted for 38 percent of Atlanta bicycle and pedestrian crashes. The firm notes this figure is attributable to the cited Propel ATL report.

The analysis further addresses Georgia's modified comparative fault standard, which bars recovery for a bicycle accident victim found 50 percent or more at fault. Insurance adjusters commonly examine whether a cyclist was riding with required lights after dark, wearing visible clothing, maintaining proper lane position, or complying with traffic signals at BeltLine crossing intersections, because a finding of 50 percent or greater fault can eliminate recovery under Georgia law.

"When a driver passes a cyclist on Moreland Avenue or a BeltLine-adjacent corridor without three feet of clearance, that statutory violation can support a negligence per se argument, though the outcome still depends on the facts and the applicable law," said Harris Weinstein, Managing Partner of The Weinstein Firm. "Insurance adjusters often respond by investigating the cyclist's own compliance to push comparative fault toward the 50 percent bar, which is why documenting the driver's passing clearance through dashcam footage, witness statements, and physical evidence analysis early in the process matters."

The analysis describes a claims response protocol that begins with documentation of any O.C.G.A. § 40-6-56 violation and preservation of intersection camera footage. Additional information on the topic is available through the Weinstein Firm Atlanta Bicycle Accident Lawyer website. The material is intended as general information for cyclists and does not constitute legal advice.

The Weinstein Firm is a personal injury law firm founded in 2013 by brothers Harris and Michael Weinstein, representing bicycle accident victims, car accident clients, motorcycle riders, and other injury clients throughout Metro Atlanta and statewide Georgia. As an Atlanta Bicycle Accident Lawyer practice, the firm reports having recovered more than 30 million dollars for Georgia personal injury clients across its cases to date and handles bicycle accidents, car accidents, catastrophic injuries, and wrongful death matters on a

contingency fee basis.

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