The Weinstein Firm Responds to Decatur Safety Action Plan Addressing Rising Traffic Fatalities

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The Weinstein Firm, a Georgia personal injury practice, addresses legal considerations for accident victims as Decatur implements its Safe Streets Safety Action Plan following nearly 3,300 car accidents from 2018 to 2022 that resulted in 6 fatalities and nearly 1,000 injuries.

The safety initiative, funded through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program, proposes reducing speed limits to 25 mph throughout the city and implementing "no turn on red" restrictions at approximately 12 traffic signals around the downtown Square area. DeKalb County reported more than 30,000 crashes in 2021 alone, highlighting the scope of traffic safety challenges in the region.

The Weinstein Firm car accident lawyer services provide legal representation for collision victims navigating Georgia's fault-based insurance system during this transitional period. The firm has secured $30 million in settlements and verdicts for clients throughout Georgia.

"The implementation of Decatur's Safety Action Plan will require significant time before infrastructure improvements reduce accident rates," said Harris Weinstein, attorney at The Weinstein Firm. "During this transition, accident victims face immediate challenges with insurance claims, medical expenses, and lost wages. Understanding Georgia's two-year statute of limitations for personal injury claims and the state's modified comparative negligence rules becomes critical for those injured in collisions."

Recent incidents underscore ongoing safety concerns, including two pedestrians struck at the intersection of College Avenue and South Candler Street in January 2024. The Georgia Department of Transportation has scheduled safety improvements on East College Avenue, reducing lanes from four to three to improve traffic flow and reduce accident risks.

The Safety Action Plan addresses four key areas: city policies and resolutions, managing travel speeds, improving intersections and turning movements, and ensuring infrastructure supports vulnerable road users. These measures target common causes of intersection crashes, including failure to yield, running red lights, and unsafe turning movements.

Georgia's fault-based system requires accident victims to prove negligence to recover damages. The state's modified comparative negligence rules allow victims to recover damages if they are less than 50 percent at fault for the accident. Property damage claims must be filed within four years from the date of accident.

Decatur Car Accident Lawyers at The Weinstein Firm operate on a contingency fee basis, requiring no upfront costs from clients. Payment is collected only upon successful case resolution. The firm has received recognition from The National Trial Lawyers Top 100, Top 40 Under 40, and Lawyers of Distinction.

The Weinstein Firm maintains offices throughout Georgia and handles car accidents, personal injury cases, vehicle collisions, intersection accidents, pedestrian crashes, and traffic-related injuries. The firm provides case evaluations to help accident victims understand their rights under Georgia law.
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