Horst Shewmaker Addresses Elevated Truck Accident Risks as Alpharetta Prepares for $4.6 Billion GA 400 Construction Project

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The law firm of Horst Shewmaker is alerting North Fulton County residents about increased truck accident risks as the Georgia Department of Transportation prepares for the $4.6 billion GA 400 Express Lanes construction project scheduled to begin heavy construction in July 2026. The 16-mile project, extending from the North Springs MARTA station to north of McFarland Parkway, will significantly impact traffic patterns through 2031.

With GA 400 currently carrying approximately 278,000 vehicles daily through Alpharetta, the multi-year construction project is expected to create lane shifts, traffic pattern changes, and increased congestion that historically correlate with elevated commercial vehicle accident rates. Georgia ranked fifth nationally with 244 truck crash fatalities in 2021, representing 4.2 percent of the national total, while the state reported 1,797 total traffic fatalities in 2022.

Horst Shewmaker Alpharetta Truck Accident Lawyer services have increased as the region prepares for construction-related traffic challenges. The firm's attorneys understand that truck accident victims often face traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord damage, and overwhelming financial burdens from medical expenses and lost wages. The firm provides 24/7 availability and works on a contingency fee basis for clients seeking legal representation after an accident.

"Construction zones fundamentally alter driving conditions and create hazardous situations that require heightened vigilance, particularly when sharing the road with commercial vehicles," said Zachary S. Shewmaker, Partner at Horst Shewmaker. "The upcoming GA 400 project will introduce complex traffic patterns that increase accident risks. When truck accidents occur in these zones, victims face not only catastrophic injuries but also complicated legal challenges involving multiple liable parties, federal

regulations, and critical evidence preservation requirements. Electronic logging device data, driver qualification files, and FMCSA compliance records can disappear quickly, making immediate legal representation essential for protecting victims' rights."

Truck accidents differ significantly from standard vehicle collisions due to the involvement of multiple potentially liable parties, including drivers, trucking companies, cargo loaders, maintenance contractors, and manufacturers. These cases fall under Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration oversight and require extensive investigation of driver logs, maintenance records, and black box data. Georgia's fault-based insurance system requires injured parties to prove liability, adding another layer of complexity when insurance companies deploy adjusters immediately after crashes.

The Alpharetta Truck Accident Lawyer team at Horst Shewmaker emphasizes that construction zone accidents require thorough investigation of FMCSA compliance records, vehicle maintenance documentation, and electronic data systems. With over two decades of experience navigating the intersection of state tort law and federal transportation regulations, the firm has recovered over $30 million in damages for injury clients.

Based in Alpharetta with an additional office in Augusta, Horst Shewmaker handles truck accidents, car accidents, motorcycle accidents, bicycle accidents, pedestrian accidents, rideshare accidents, brain injuries, spinal injuries, dog bites, slip and fall incidents, and wrongful death cases. The firm's four attorneys, including Michael W. Horst, Zachary S. Shewmaker, Jarrett L. Miller, and Torrie Dale, have all received Super Lawyers recognition for 2025.

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