

# Panchenko Law Firm Addresses Rising Motorcycle Accident Toll in Matthews Area

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Panchenko Law Firm reports that motorcycle accidents in Mecklenburg County reached 487 total crashes in 2024, marking a 9 percent increase from 2023, with 52 fatalities and 341 serious injuries requiring hospitalization according to North Carolina Department of Transportation data. The Matthews-based personal injury firm notes that this local increase outpaces statewide trends, as North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles recorded 3,866 motorcycle crashes statewide in 2024, resulting in 2,948 injury crashes and 194 fatalities.

The firm highlights that motorcycle fatalities in Mecklenburg County increased 12 percent year-over-year from 2023 to 2024, exceeding the statewide average increase. These statistics underscore a concerning reality for area riders: motorcycles account for approximately 2 percent of all registered vehicles in North Carolina but represent roughly 10 percent of all traffic fatalities statewide, a fivefold overrepresentation according to NCDOT data.

Panchenko Matthews motorcycle accident lawyer services have become increasingly vital as insurance companies apply anti-motorcyclist bias to deny or undervalue injury claims. The firm, which has recovered over $20 million for clients, emphasizes that North Carolina's contributory negligence rule creates unique challenges for injured riders. Under this standard, any finding of fault against the motorcyclist, regardless of how minor, can bar recovery entirely.

"The 2024 crash data from Mecklenburg County reveals a harsh reality for motorcycle accident victims in our area," said Dmitriy Panchenko, Founder of Panchenko Law Firm. "Insurance adjusters exploit North Carolina's contributory negligence standard alongside anti-rider bias to shift even minimal fault onto the motorcyclist, potentially eliminating the claim entirely. Legal representation from the outset of a claim, not just after a denial, determines whether a rider recovers full compensation for their injuries."

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data indicates that two out of three motorcycle accidents involving another vehicle are caused by the other driver violating the motorcyclist's right of way, most commonly by turning into the motorcycle's path. Despite this statistical reality, injured riders face immediate challenges when pursuing compensation. Insurance adjusters often challenge claims from the first contact, requiring comprehensive evidence gathering to establish that the other driver, not the rider, bears responsibility for the collision.

The Matthews motorcycle accident lawyer team at Panchenko Law Firm gathers crash scene evidence, medical documentation, and witness statements immediately following a collision to counter these tactics. This approach addresses the compounding problem riders face when insurance companies combine contributory negligence arguments with pre-existing bias against motorcyclists.

North Carolina ranks among the five most dangerous states in the country for motorcycle fatalities, making experienced legal representation critical for accident victims. The firm's attorneys, including Dmitriy Panchenko and Andrew Deschler, focus on establishing that the other driver violated the motorcyclist's right of way, which NHTSA data shows occurs in the majority of multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes.

Panchenko Law Firm is a personal injury law firm based in Matthews, North Carolina, representing injured riders and accident victims throughout the Charlotte metro area. The firm handles motorcycle accident claims, car accidents, truck accidents, slip and fall cases, workers' compensation, and wrongful death matters on a contingency fee basis, with no upfront costs and free case reviews available 24 hours a day.

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