South Carolina Car Accident Lawyers Addresses Columbia's Fall Crash Surge and Interstate Dangers

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South Carolina Car Accident Lawyers has expanded legal support services for Columbia and Richland County residents as data reveals the region ranks third statewide for traffic collision volume with approximately 18,600 crashes and 74 fatalities in the most recent reporting year, according to South Carolina Department of Public Safety statistics.

The expansion comes as Richland County experiences its documented fall crash surge, with nearly one in five accidents occurring during October and November?a rate approximately 50 percent higher than the monthly average for the rest of the year. The seasonal increase reflects reduced daylight, increased rainfall, and higher pedestrian and commercial traffic during the University of South Carolina academic year.

A fatal three-vehicle collision on Interstate 20 near mile marker 70 in Columbia earlier this year underscored the ongoing dangers facing local motorists. The early morning crash, which killed two people and closed all eastbound lanes until after 10:30 a.m., occurred near the junctions with US-321/Fairfield Road and US-21/North Main Street, according to South Carolina Highway Patrol Master Trooper Gary Miller.

Columbia's position at the intersection of I-20 and I-26, locally known as Malfunction Junction, creates one of South Carolina's most consistently dangerous traffic chokepoints. I-26 leads all South Carolina interstates for fatalities, while I-20 ranks as the second most dangerous interstate corridor in the state.

"Columbia motorists face unique challenges at the I-20/I-26 interchange where two of South Carolina's most dangerous interstate corridors converge," said Shannon Ludwig, spokesperson for SC Car Accident Lawyer Columbia car accident lawyer. "The combination of multiple vehicles, high speeds, and heavy commercial traffic produces serious multi-vehicle crashes that generate aggressively defended insurance claims. During October and November, when crash volumes spike, insurance adjusters handle more claims simultaneously and have stronger financial incentive to resolve each one quickly and below full value."

Within Columbia city limits, the highest concentrations of accidents occur on Gervais Street, Assembly Street, Bull Street, Blossom Street, and Elmwood Avenue?major arterials through the city's commercial and governmental core. Speeding or driving too fast for conditions and failure to yield the right of way are cited in more than 52 percent of all injury collisions in Richland County.

South Carolina's modified contributory negligence standard bars recovery if an injured victim is found 51 percent or more at fault. Insurance adjusters handling Columbia car accident claims on I-20 and I-26 routinely probe early victim statements for evidence of speeding or lane position to push the victim's fault percentage toward the 51 percent threshold.

The five-year death toll in Richland County has reached 282, according to SCDPS Traffic Collision Fact Book data analyzed by Morris Law. The firm's expanded services address the specific legal challenges Columbia motorists face on the region's high-crash corridors.

South Carolina Car Accident Lawyers is a network of personal injury law firms serving Columbia, Richland County, and communities throughout South Carolina. The firm handles car accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle accidents, pedestrian accidents, and rideshare collisions on a contingency fee basis, with no upfront costs and free case reviews available 24 hours a day. The Columbia car accident lawyer network serves Columbia, Lexington, Irmo, West Columbia, Cayce, Forest Acres, and Blythewood.

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