Horst Shewmaker Secures $3 Million Settlement in Commercial Trucking Case

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Horst Shewmaker, a personal injury law firm based in Alpharetta, Georgia, has secured a $3 million settlement for a client injured in a tractor-trailer accident. The settlement resolves litigation involving complex commercial trucking regulations and multiple insurance carriers.

The case involved extensive investigation into federal trucking compliance, including hours of service documentation, vehicle maintenance records, and driver qualification files. Commercial trucking accidents typically involve multiple parties beyond the driver, including trucking companies, cargo loaders, and equipment manufacturers, each potentially bearing liability under different legal theories.

"Commercial trucking cases require immediate evidence preservation and thorough understanding of federal motor carrier safety regulations," said Zachary S. Shewmaker, partner at the firm. "The complexity of these cases extends beyond typical motor vehicle accidents due to the regulatory framework governing commercial transportation and the multiple insurance policies that may apply."

The settlement adds to recent case resolutions by the firm, including a $1.6 million wrongful death settlement,

an $875,000 recovery in a back injury case, and a $760,000 settlement for neck injury damages. These outcomes reflect the increasing complexity of personal injury litigation in commercial vehicle accidents, where damages often exceed standard automobile insurance policy limits.

Truck accident litigation differs substantially from standard automobile collision cases due to federal regulations governing the trucking industry. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration establishes specific requirements for driver rest periods, vehicle inspection protocols, and cargo securing procedures. Violations of these regulations can establish negligence per se, creating liability independent of traditional fault analysis.

The settlement process in commercial trucking cases often involves negotiations with multiple insurance carriers, as trucking companies typically maintain layered coverage structures with primary and excess policies. Additionally, separate coverage may exist for the tractor, trailer, and cargo, requiring coordination among various insurers.

As an Alpharetta Truck Accident Lawyer, the firm handles cases involving catastrophic injuries from commercial vehicle collisions throughout Georgia. The attorneys at Horst Shewmaker analyze electronic logging device data, conduct accident reconstruction, and retain industry experts to establish liability in complex trucking cases.

The firm operates on a contingency fee structure, collecting attorney fees only upon successful case resolution. This arrangement allows injured parties to pursue litigation against well-funded trucking companies and insurance carriers without upfront legal costs.

Horst Shewmaker, LLC Personal Injury Lawyers maintains offices in Alpharetta and Augusta, Georgia. The firm represents clients in motor vehicle accidents, wrongful death cases, and catastrophic injury claims. The legal team includes Michael W. Horst, Zachary S. Shewmaker, Jarrett L. Miller, and Torrie L. Dale, who collectively bring over 50 years of experience to personal injury litigation. The firm provides initial case evaluations at no charge to assess potential claims and explain applicable legal standards.

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