THE WRITING ROOM

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Dear [Name],

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week runs September 13th through 19th. Most commercial drivers are professionals doing a difficult job and doing it safely.

But when a serious truck crash does happen, the hours and days that follow can look very different from a typical car crash.

The trucking company may begin investigating immediately.

After a serious crash, the trucking company and its insurance carrier may have investigators at the scene within hours. They may photograph the vehicles, take measurements, speak with witnesses, and begin evaluating who they believe was at fault.

Meanwhile, the person who was injured may still be receiving medical treatment and trying to understand what happened.





Important evidence can disappear.

Commercial trucks generate and maintain information that passenger vehicles typically do not. Electronic logging data, dispatch records, maintenance history, driver records, and other information can help explain how and why a crash happened.

Some of that evidence may only be available for a limited period of time, which is one reason these cases should be investigated early.

There may be more to the crash than the driver's actions.

A truck crash investigation does not stop with the person behind the wheel.

Was the driver within the required hours of service? Was the truck properly maintained? Was there a mechanical issue that should have been addressed? Were there problems with the carrier's safety history? Depending on the circumstances, responsibility may extend beyond the driver.



Truck crash cases can become complicated very quickly. Knowing what to look for, and looking for it early, can make an important difference.

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The One Beneficiary You Cannot Name

You can name a beneficiary on a bank account, retirement account, or life insurance policy. Your home works differently.

Many states allow homeowners to use what's called a transfer on death deed, which allows property to pass directly to a named beneficiary after the owner's death. Tennessee does not currently allow them.

That sometimes leads people to ask whether they can simply add a child or another family member to the deed during their lifetime. While that is possible, adding someone to a deed gives that person a present ownership interest in the property.



It can also create tax, creditor, and other unintended consequences, making it important to consider how the home fits into the overall estate plan before changing the deed.

If you own a home in Tennessee and want to decide exactly what happens to it after your death, your estate plan should address how that property will pass and who will receive it.

Schedule a Free Estate Planning Consultation

Experience Matters After a Truck Crash

Truck crash cases involve different evidence, regulations, and insurance issues than a typical car crash.

Craig stays active with the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association and the Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys. He regularly attends continuing education focused on trucking cases and the strategies used to investigate and defend them.

If you or someone in your family is seriously injured in a crash involving a commercial truck, it is important to have the accident investigated early, while the evidence is still available.

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Our Practice Areas

We proudly represent individuals and families throughout Tennessee in cases involving:



Truck & Commercial Vehicle Crashes
(including broker, shipper, and carrier negligence)

Serious Motor Vehicle Crashes
Car, motorcycle, pedestrian, rideshare, DUI, and hit-and-run accidents





Premises & Workplace Injuries
Slip and fall incidents, industrial accidents, unsafe conditions, and defective equipment

Catastrophic Injuries
Traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, burns, nerve damage, and other life-altering harm





Wrongful Death
Representing families seeking accountability after the loss of a loved one

Estate Planning

A good estate plan should reflect your family, your property, and what you want to happen when you're no longer here. Mercedes helps Tennessee families create and update wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and other estate planning documents so those decisions are made ahead of time.

Talk to Mercedes About Your Estate Plan

Trusted by Our Clients

"I had and am still having an amazing experience with Glenn Injury Law. Mercedes helped myself and my dad through a very tough season and took such a weight off of our shoulders. After two years she has continually been there when I have had questions and needed insight. They are professional, transparent, and very personable. I couldn't recommend them enough."

– D.D.



Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read the seventh edition of **The Writing Room**. We look forward to staying connected.

– The Glenn Injury Law Team



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