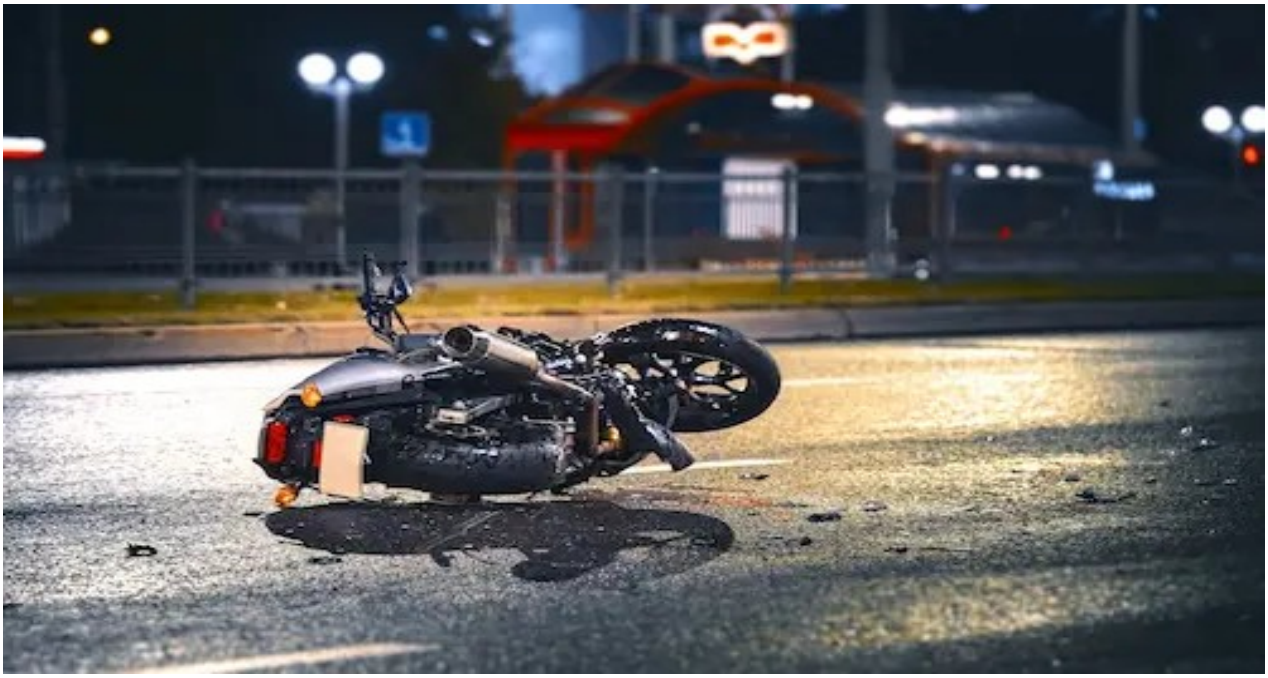

Panchenko Law Firm Addresses Rising Motorcycle Accident Risks from Commercial Vehicles on Charlotte Construction Corridors

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Panchenko Law Firm is highlighting the increased dangers Charlotte motorcycle riders face from multi-vehicle crashes involving larger commercial and construction vehicles, particularly following a fatal collision between a pickup truck and motorcycle in Charlotte's Freedom Division on October 26, 2024.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Major Crash Investigation Unit documented the October fatality as one of multiple multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes on Charlotte's urban corridors in 2024, underscoring the specific risks large private and commercial vehicles pose to riders in close-quarters urban traffic. The incident reflects broader safety concerns as Charlotte's construction boom brings heavy vehicles onto roadways not designed for simultaneous construction and motorcycle traffic.

According to CMPD traffic safety data, the I-85 and Billy Graham Parkway interchange recorded 24 motorcycle accidents in 2024, while the I-77 and Brookshire Freeway corridor recorded 19 motorcycle

accidents. These high-volume crash corridors see large commercial vehicles, construction trucks, and passenger vehicles traveling at highway speeds, creating recurring fatal and serious-injury conditions for riders.

Construction zones along Independence Boulevard and active development sites throughout Charlotte's South End and Uptown contributed to approximately 15 percent of motorcycle crashes on those corridors in 2024, according to CMPD accident analysis. Construction traffic including dump trucks, flatbeds, and equipment haulers creates unpredictable lane conditions for riders on routes not originally designed for such mixed traffic.

"When a Charlotte motorcycle crash involves a pickup truck, commercial vehicle, or construction vehicle rather than a standard passenger car, the legal complexity expands dramatically," said Dmitriy Panchenko, Founder of Panchenko Law Firm. "Multiple parties may share liability including the vehicle driver, fleet operator, general contractor, or vehicle maintenance company, each with separate insurance coverage and defense counsel. The evidence window closes faster in these cases as construction site logs, equipment maintenance records, and electronic logging device data from commercial operators can be overwritten or destroyed within days." As a Charlotte motorcycle injury lawyer, the firm moves immediately after crashes to identify all potentially liable parties, send preservation demands before critical records are overwritten, and establish the other vehicle's fault before North Carolina's contributory negligence standard can be leveraged against the rider.

The liability structure changes substantially when motorcycle crashes involve larger vehicles. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations governing commercial vehicles create both additional evidence sources and increased legal complexity that standard motorcycle accident claims do not involve. These sources include electronic logging device data, maintenance records, and driver qualification files.

North Carolina's contributory negligence rule eliminates all recovery if a motorcycle rider is found even one percent at fault. In multi-vehicle crashes involving larger vehicles, insurance adjusters for the truck or construction vehicle routinely argue that the rider's lane position, speed, or failure to yield contributed to the collision. This makes early evidence preservation and independent liability analysis critical steps in building a defensible claim.

Panchenko Law Charlotte motorcycle accident lawyer has recovered over $20 million for clients, including an $860,000 tractor-trailer settlement and a $485,000 commercial accident settlement. These results were achieved specifically in commercial vehicle cases with multi-party liability structures similar to those arising in Charlotte truck-motorcycle crashes.

Panchenko Law Firm is a personal injury law firm based in Matthews, North Carolina, representing Charlotte-area motorcycle accident victims and other injury clients throughout Mecklenburg County and the surrounding region. The firm handles all cases on a contingency fee basis with no upfront costs.

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