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## Driving To Make A Difference

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Sharing the roadway with a big truck at highway speeds can be nerve-wrecking. Colliding with one can be life-changing.

Such accidents are more and more common on Missouri interstates and highways as an increasing number of trucks criss-cross our region to meet the needs of an on-demand society.

Aggravating the situation is loosened government regulation of the trucking industry that has occurred over the past several years in large part due to pressure by trucking firms. Recent revisions in federal law relaxed the rules on how long truck drivers can be behind the wheel. So now there are not only more trucks on the road, but also more tired drivers.

The combination of truck volume, cargo delivery pressures and exhausted drivers too often leads to devastating collisions that cause loss of life, serious injury and life-long disabilities.

"Our clients face a difficult immediate course of recovery in terms of medical treatments, rehabilitation and loss of income, but our legal representation must also take into account their longer-term disabilities and limitations. That's why it's vital that we maximize their recoveries," said Douglas R. Horn, founder of Kansas City-based Horn Law Firm.

Horn Law exists to help people recover from serious injury. The firm has handled many cases that involve roadway collisions, so Horn Law attorneys understand first-hand the profound impact a big truck collision can have on the lives of motorists who ended up in the wrong place at the wrong time.



"In many cases involving big trucks, we find that the trucking company failed to follow their own safety rules and procedures or have been lax in training new or inexperienced drivers," said Horn. "In such an environment, accidents are inevitable."

Horn Law's first priority is obtaining a full and fair recovery for clients who face an injury. Almost as important are the far-reaching implications of Horn Law client victories that serve a greater public good by forcing companies to improve safety conditions.

"We are difference makers," Horn said. "For the injured, we make a direct, positive impact on meeting their financial needs. But our work also makes the region safer."

### About Horn Law

Horn Law has been helping victims recover full and fair insurance compensation for their injuries since 1990. The law firm concentrates in cases involving roadway collisions, premises and product liability, medical/pharmacy errors and work accidents. Horn Law provides unprecedented personal attention, preparation and experience to complex cases involving injuries that often result in permanent physical limitations. Horn Law is especially proud of its work on cases involving injury to children.

### TIPS

#### Sharing the Road with Big Trucks

1. Avoid a truck's blind spots directly behind them and alongside them, especially near the rear wheels.
2. When passing a big truck, keep both hands on the wheel as trucks create wind gusts.

3. Wait until you see both of a truck's headlights or front grill in your rear-view mirror before changing lanes in front of one.
4. Remember that it takes a long time for a big truck traveling at highway speeds to stop.

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