



Niccum v. A.J. Transportation
One Million Dollar Settlement, 2002

Steven Niccum was driving his vehicle on Highway 50 near Knob Noster, Missouri one dark summer night in 2001, unaware of the danger lurking ahead. An eighteen-wheel flatbed tractor/trailer had pulled into the median crossover section of the highway, intent on making a U turn. Now perpendicular to Mr. Niccum's lane of traffic, Mr. Niccum drove straight into the side of the flatbed trailer, creating an undercarriage impact that took Mr. Niccum's life, leaving behind Mr. Niccum's son, two daughters and his mother.

It was discovered that no reflective tape was on the impact-side of the trailer at the time of the accident as required by law. The Accurso Law Firm discovered the driver to have multiple citations for lack of that same reflective tape preceding the accident. The case settled after extensive discovery and investigation by The Accurso Law Firm.

Trucking collision cases are very different than automobile accidents because of the higher legal and regulatory burdens on trucks. Driver fatigue, failure to maintain a safe vehicle, and aggressive truck drivers are cases proved through extensive discovery of the trucking company's policies and procedures, the driver logs, the electronic data recording the truck's speed and driver input as well as receipts for food and gas. With each case come different regulatory issues as well as investigative issues that can be crucial to obtaining the recovery an injured party deserves.