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FATAL FISHING COLLISION: JUSTICE FOR SMITH LAKE VICTIMS

Tournament Tragedy- We are investigating the recent boating accident that claimed the lives of three men and injured two others during a fishing tournament.

Montgomery, AL (April 25, 2025) – Mike Andrews of Beasley Allen Law Firm and Dan Mars of Mars, Mars & Mars, P.A. are representing the widow of Jeffrey Little, one of the victims of the recent tragic boating accident on Smith Lake.

The incident, which occurred during a Major League Fishing tournament, resulted in the deaths of three individuals, including Jeffrey, and serious injuries to two others.

Mike Andrews emphasized the importance of safety measures, saying, "This tragedy underscores the need for stringent safety measures during such events. We will work tirelessly to ensure that the victims receive the compensation they deserve and to advocate for changes that will prevent similar incidents in the future. One area we will be looking at is whether tournament organizers and sponsors adopted and implemented an appropriate boating safety management plan in light of the number of participants and the speeds at which they apparently run. Were they aware of other boaters in the area yet failed to properly control their participants?"

According to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), a Nitro Bass boat struck a center console boat with five people on board at 7:03 AM on April 16, 2025. Three people on the center console boat were killed.

Dan Mars expressed his condolences, stating, "Our hearts go out to the families affected by this devastating event. We are committed to seeking justice for all those affected."

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