

\$14 MILLION SETTLEMENT AFTER DEADLY ALABAMA TRACTOR-TRAILER CRASH

Safety Shortcuts with Deadly Consequences. Alabama crash shines spotlight on fatal trucking safety failures.

Montgomery, AL (June 16, 2026) – Beasley Allen Law Firm has secured a \$14 million settlement in a wrongful death case arising from a tragic tractor trailer crash that claimed the life of our client, a Hale County resident who was killed when a large commercial vehicle crossed the centerline on Alabama Highway 69.

The case was handled by LaBarron Boone of Beasley Allen.

In February 2024, our client was a passenger in a vehicle traveling on Highway 69. As traffic slowed near an intersection, a heavily loaded tractor-trailer failed to stop, crossed the centerline, and struck oncoming traffic head-on—including the vehicle carrying our client. She died from her injuries. She did nothing wrong and played no role in causing the crash.

The investigation revealed that the collision never should have happened. Evidence showed that the tractor trailer was overloaded and lacked the ability to safely stop at highway speeds—turning it into a deadly projectile on a public road.

“When companies and operators don’t follow safety rules, innocent people pay the price. The evidence established that the truck’s brakes were out of adjustment and that the driver could not stop, despite claims that our client entered the truck’s lane—prompting the truck driver to move into our lane to avoid a collision—and then suddenly returned at the last moment. The physical evidence and eyewitness testimony did not support that account,” said Boone.

He adds, “This case was supported by strong, objective proof. In other trucking cases, however, we are seeing CDL-licensed drivers offer a similar alibi—claiming the other vehicle briefly entered their lane—to try to explain away a head-on collision, even when the physical evidence points in another direction.”

The settlement reflects accountability for serious safety failures that put the public at risk. While no amount of money can replace a life, it reinforces the importance of following safety standards designed to protect everyone on the road.

Our client was a respected member of the Black Belt community, known for a life of service. She worked in public service and as a small business owner, touching countless lives through her generosity. Her loss has deeply impacted her family, friends, and community.

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Through this resolution, her family honors her memory by highlighting the real-world consequences of ignoring roadway safety—and by sending a clear message that preventable tragedies demand accountability. “Because of the commitment of this courageous family to see this to the end, the Defendants have changed their policies, which we believe will better protect the motoring public from needless death caused by 18 wheelers,” Boone said.

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