

Transportation

When a commercial vehicle is involved in an accident time is of the essence. As a result, the KRCL Transportation Group is available 24/7 to take immediate action in order to minimize client exposure and potential liability. KRCL has represented commercial carriers across the States of Texas and Oklahoma earning a reputation for being an aggressive advocate for carriers, drivers, and insurers. The Group is knowledgeable of all regulatory and legal matters that impact a carrier's operations. We understand the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) and work with independent professionals to efficiently reduce or avoid liability in a wide array of transportation matters. KRCL regularly provides the following critical services for our transportation clients:

- Emergency response investigations
- Collection of evidence, including witness statements, photographs and videos
- The use of engineering, biomechanics and animation
- Identification of liability, medical, vocational and economic experts
- Familiarity with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations as well as Department of Transportation Regulations

In catastrophic accidents, there are often a limited number of qualified experts, such as engineers and accident reconstructionists, who are adept at testifying. Sometimes it is strategic to retain certain experts so that opposing counsel cannot. It is extremely important to assemble a team and investigate these accidents as soon as possible while preserving the investigative privilege. As such, it is important to retain those experts as quickly as possible and facilitate an inspection of the evidence before it is altered. Critical evidence is available at the scene and spoliation issues are an important consideration. When engaged early, counsel can be present at the accident scene to direct interviews and to oversee the investigation. Critical evidentiary decisions at this phase can define a case. Often, gathering too much information can be just as harmful as not gathering enough. Counsel will make decisions regarding the evidence to be collected or recorded, including witness or investigating officer interviews, whether to obtain affidavits, and whether certain scenes are photographed. When performed by counsel, witness interviews and other investigative activities are privileged information. In addition, counsel is generally better prepared to handle the potential requests and demands from the local authorities and law enforcement, independent investigators, prosecutors, media, and any curious onlookers. KRCL attorneys work with retained experts to develop an initial strategy that helps counsel effectively and efficiently defend a case.

In addition to zealous advocacy, the Group believes in counseling and educating its clients on how to identify possible sources of future litigation in order to minimize future exposure before a claim is even filed. KRCL attorneys have counseled their clients through highly contentious mediations and vigorously defended many cases to verdict across the State. In addition to the Group's extensive trial experience, the attorneys have the ability to reach favorable settlements when necessary and to avoid needless litigation costs for their clients.

The KRCL Transportation Group efficiently and aggressively investigates claims, gathering as much information as possible, and quickly analyzing the issues in order to evaluate the potential exposure early. Then, KRCL advises its clients when to resolve a case before incurring the cost of litigation or prepare to defend a case for trial.