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## Reasons You Need a Hurt Trucker Attorney

If you are a truck driver hurt on-the-job, you deserve to be represented by an attorney who specializes in helping hurt truckers. Just finding a personal injury or workers' compensation attorney is not good enough. You should be represented by an attorney who looks out for and understands professional truckers.



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## Introduction

As a professional trucker, you have unique needs and interests. You need to work with people who understand those needs. Just finding a personal injury or workers' compensation attorney is not good enough. You need an attorney who looks out for and understands professional truckers.

## The 7 Reasons

### **1** Truckers are hurt more often than almost all other workers



Statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) prove this point. The transportation and warehousing sector (the sector that includes professional truck drivers) has the highest incidence rate for work accidents of all sectors. To put this in context, these BLS statistics show that truckers in this sector are hurt at twice the rate as manufacturing workers and 50% more often than construction workers.

### **2** Trucker injuries are on average much more serious than injuries to other workers

The transportation and warehousing sector accounts for more job related deaths than almost all other sectors (631 deaths in 2010 alone). Truck drivers killed on the job account for 25% of all work related deaths. The danger is not limited to accidents causing death. When truckers are hurt on the job, the injuries are on average more serious than workers injured in

other occupations. In fact, the median work time missed by hurt truckers (21.4 days) is nearly twice the median for all occupations (11 days).

### **3 Truckers may have large wage losses**

Many professional truckers earn high wages. When a trucker is seriously hurt and can't work as a trucker, he may not be able to earn similar wages in another job. We have represented hurt truckers for over 30 years, and we will make sure you are fully compensated for your lost income.

### **4 Truckers have unique wage rates**

Most truckers do not work for an hourly wage. They are paid by the mile or a percentage of the load. Some also receive fuel and safety bonuses and loading and unloading pay. Attorneys not experienced in representing truckers may underestimate your earnings and your lost earnings calculation. We know how to calculate your wages, and we will make sure you receive all of your lost income.



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## **5 Truckers often do not live in the city where their claim or lawsuit is filed**

A trucker's personal injury or workers' compensation claim may need to be filed where he was hired or where he was hurt. This may be hundreds of miles from where the trucker lives. We understand the logistical problem this can



cause both in finding an attorney and pursuing the claim. We will make the process as easy as possible for you, and we can even open your case over the telephone if you prefer.

## **6 Truckers want local doctors**

In some states, trucking companies are allowed to choose an hurt trucker's workers' compensation doctor, and most companies try to force truckers to see doctors near the terminal or office where the trucker was hired. Traveling hundreds of miles to see a doctor is a tremendous burden. Special procedures must be followed in order to protect the trucker's rights. We know how the system works and we can help you obtain the treatment you need.

## **7 Truckers often have personal injury and workers' compensation claims**

Frequently, an injured trucker can recover compensation in both a workers' compensation claim and personal injury action against third parties. An

attorney who is not experienced representing truckers may not recognize that a trucker has a right to both of these claims. We are experienced in recognizing these claims, and we can handle both your workers' compensation and personal injury claims.

## Conclusion

You deserve and need an attorney who specializes in representing hurt truckers. We have been representing injured truck drivers for over 30 years. Our practice is focused on looking out for truckers. We understand the trucking industry and the challenges faced by truckers. We fight for truckers' rights and we will fight for your rights, too.



If you are hurt while trucking, you will need to be prepared. Visit [www.HurtTrucker.com](http://www.HurtTrucker.com) for more information, guidelines and tips, including:

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Details on dozens of injuries suffered by professional truckers | City-specific lists of trucking companies for  
your injury claims | Checklists covering the critical steps you must take if you are injured