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Kansas Big Truck & Commercial Vehicle Attorneys

One in every 10 vehicles involved in a fatal crash is a semi-truck or tractor trailer. No matter how careful you are when driving around a rig, you may still end up in a wreck. Unfortunately, even at its slowest speed, a heavy truck can crush another vehicle, and cause serious and life-threatening injuries.

Contrary to perception, alcohol and narcotic substances are not the main causes of heavy vehicle collisions. According to the **FMCSA**, if the truck driver is responsible for the crash, one of these top 5 factors are likely to have played a role in the collision:

- Trucker fatigue
- 2. Speeding to meet deadlines
- 3. Mechanical problems
- 4. Inclement weather and poor surface conditions
- 5. Inexperienced drivers



What happens if you are hurt in a semi-truck collision?

If you were injured in a truck collision, chances are that you have already received a call from the trucking company's insurance provider. If not, <u>you will</u>. All the insurance company wants to do is send you packing with the lowest compensation you will accept.

We cannot undo the pain and impact that the collision has had on your life but we will do our best to ensure that you are not left struggling with hefty medical bills just because the insurance company on the other side chooses to not pay you the compensation that is rightfully yours.

Contact us today to get the legal help you need and deserve!

Have you been injured? DeVaughn James can help you with...

- Auto & Motorcycle Collisions
- Drunk Driving Collisions
- Product Injuries

- Nursing Home Injuries
- Workers Compensation
- Wrongful Deaths
- Dog Bites
- Drug Injuries
- Slip & Falls

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DeVaughn James Rockstar of the Month

Our culture is built on our core values - Clients first, Teamwork / Hard work, Integrity, Sound Business Judgement and No Fear of the Insurance Company! Every day we celebrate each other's milestones and accomplishments at the office but decided that we also want to share these stories with our community. With the help of KWCH, each month we will recognize one of our teammates who have gone above and beyond and reward them with the Rockstar Award!





This month, the Rockstar award is going to pre-litigation attorney, Nick French. Nick is continuously going above and beyond to help out his team and clients. However, this time he went even further and helped out complete strangers. He noticed a couple having car troubles outside of our office and wanted to make sure everything was okay. When Nick found out that they were out of gas and on their way to Topeka, he filled their tank and provided them with enough gas money to cover their entire trip. Before they parted ways, he stayed to make sure their engine was running correctly and they were good to go! This kind gesture is proof of the kind heart that Nick has and all that he is willing to do for those who need help.

HAPPY "DJ" ANNIVERSARY!

Join us in celebrating four amazing teammates who joined the DeVaughn James team in March!



March 2015 Jessica Brunken Attornev



March 2015 Melissa Pope Attorney



March 2019 Alex Sheppard Attorney



March 2016 Brooke Poe Records Team Lead

2020 was a BIG YEAR full of little blessings!

Jeehye, Litigation Case Manager, welcomed baby JaeHoon in March!



Yesennia, Intake Specialist, welcomed baby Auriella in July!



Daniela, Records Specialist, welcomed baby **Gabriel** in December!

DeVaughn James met up with Paul Teutul Sr. last month to discuss how we can make Kansas better for bikers. To kick off the riding season, we are giving away a FREE Orange County Choppers toolbox & an autographed photo of Paul Teutul Sr.!

Enter to win by texting the keyword "BackOffMyBike" to

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March 31st, 2021 is the last day to enter. We will announce the winner on April 1st!



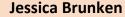
DeVaughn James Celebrates Women's History Month

Here at DeVaughn James Injury Lawyers, we celebrate and value our female team members and all that they do. In honor of Women's History Month, we want to shine a light on our amazing attorneys and share a little history about their journey.



Melissa Pope

After trying broadcast journalism, marketing, and becoming a financial advisor - Melissa found her love for the court room. She enjoys being an advocate for people who are facing a difficult time in their lives and also wants to mentor other attorneys. "I invite younger attorneys to look to me for advice, sharing my experiences both good and bad. I remind every woman that they will face unique challenges but to not be afraid to be yourself and follow your dreams."



"I have strong, educated women in my family that I look up to. My grandmother received her Master's in Chemistry at a time when women didn't get Masters degrees." Jessica explained. "She pushed through stereotypes, prejudice and paved the way for other women in education." After Jessica became an attorney and was sworn in to the U.S. Supreme Court, she knew she wanted to continue breaking through stereotypes so she can one day be a role model to her children like her grandmother was for her.





Claire Melero

Since 8th grade, Claire knew she wanted to be an attorney and has continued working hard to achieve her goals. "To make progress as a female in this field, it is important to stand your ground and to not second guess yourself." Claire plans to continue enhancing and developing her skills as an attorney throughout her career.



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Heather Nizzio

Heather found her love of law and criminal justice in college. Since then, she has had amazing mentors throughout her career who have supported her. Her biggest support system is her family, especially her mother and two daughters. Heather says "I wouldn't be who I am without my mother or my children who are my biggest accomplishments, and the best and brightest part of my life."





Lindsay Grantham

Lindsay grew up in De Soto, aspiring to be as bold and fearless as her mother always was. She became a mom herself at a young age but did not let that stop her from achieving her dream of becoming an attorney. "One of my biggest accomplishments is graduating from law school and passing the bar exam as a young, single mom." And now, Lindsay plans on mentoring other young attorneys in the future!



Carlie Cramer

Carlie was raised here in Wichita and there are a number of people in her life who have inspired her. Her grandma would go out of her way to help others and her stepdad, who is also an attorney, helps give people a voice. Like her stepdad, Carlie said "I want to be a voice for those who need help." In college over 50% of her class was female which was a first for the university, and an encouraging start to Carlie's career!



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