

When a family loses someone in a preventable wreck, the legal question is not the first thing on anyone's mind. It becomes one eventually, usually when the bills arrive or an insurer calls.

Georgia handles a death case differently than most people expect. Two separate claims generally exist. One belongs to the surviving family and covers what the law calls the full value of the life that was lost. The other belongs to the estate and covers the last medical expenses, the funeral, and any conscious pain before death.

Who may bring the first claim follows an order set by statute. It generally begins with a surviving spouse, then children, then parents, and then the estate. When there is a surviving spouse and children, the law also sets a floor on the spouse's share.

Deadlines apply, and some of them are shorter than the general rule. A claim against a government entity can require written notice far sooner than the filing deadline. Evidence also disappears, particularly where a commercial vehicle or a business is involved.

Flanagan Law handles wrongful death claims for families in Atlanta and throughout Georgia. Brendan Flanagan tried the wrongful death trucking case that produced a \$99.9 million Fulton County verdict, one part of more than \$140 million recovered for clients.

Families are not expected to know any of this. Ask, and [car accident lawyer Atlanta](#) find out where things stand. There is no cost for the call, and you owe no attorney fee unless we win. Call or text (404) 480-4474.

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## **How much does a personal injury lawyer cost in Atlanta?**

Most personal injury lawyers in Georgia work on a contingency fee, which means the fee comes out of the recovery instead of out of pocket. There is no attorney fee if there is no recovery. Flanagan Law, P.C. handles Atlanta injury cases on a contingency fee and does not charge for the first conversation, so an injured person can find out where they stand before deciding anything.

## **How long do I have to file an injury claim in Georgia?**

Georgia generally gives an injured person two years from the date of the injury to file a personal injury lawsuit, and a claim against a city, county or state agency can require written notice far sooner than that. Waiting also makes proof harder to collect, because records and camera footage do not last forever. Flanagan Law, P.C. reviews the deadlines that apply to a specific Atlanta case at no cost.

## **What should I do after a truck accident in Atlanta?**

Get medical care, report the wreck, and avoid giving a recorded statement to the trucking company's insurer before you talk to a lawyer. Trucking companies often send their own investigators to the scene within hours, and evidence such as onboard data and camera footage can be overwritten or lost in days. Flanagan Law, P.C. moves early in truck cases to preserve that evidence.

## **Do I have to go to court for a personal injury case?**

Most injury claims settle without a trial. The cases that settle well are usually the ones the other side believes will actually be tried. Flanagan Law, P.C. is a trial firm, and Brendan Flanagan has tried cases to verdict in Georgia courts, including a \$99.9 million wrongful death verdict in Fulton County. Past results do not guarantee or predict a similar outcome in any future case.

## **Who can be held responsible in a commercial truck wreck?**

Responsibility can reach past the driver to the trucking company, a maintenance contractor, a freight broker, or the company that loaded the trailer. Each one is a separate question with its own proof. Flanagan Law, P.C. investigates every party that may share responsibility in an Atlanta commercial vehicle case.

## **What is my injury case worth?**

No honest lawyer can put a number on a case before reading the medical records and understanding how the injury changed a person's life and work. Value depends on the treatment, the lasting effects, who was at fault, and the coverage available. Flanagan Law, P.C. will walk through those pieces with an injured person in Atlanta before anyone signs anything.