NC Injury Law Addresses Rising Motorcycle Accident Risks on Wilmington Roads

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NC Injury Law, PLLC is responding to concerning motorcycle safety data from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, which reports 3,800 motorcycle crashes statewide in 2023, resulting in 205 deaths and 3,000 injuries. The firm is emphasizing the critical need for experienced legal representation as New Hanover County continues to see substantial motorcycle incidents on high-risk corridors including Market Street, Carolina Beach Road, College Road, and Oleander Drive.

The intersection of College Road and New Centre Drive alone recorded 171 crashes between 2018 and 2021, with angle collisions representing the most common type. These T-bone crashes pose particular dangers for motorcyclists who lack the protective barriers available to passenger vehicle occupants. As NC Injury Law Wilmington motorcycle accident lawyer Thomas York and his team note, these intersection conflicts create complex legal challenges under North Carolina's contributory negligence standard.

"The College Road and New Centre Drive intersection exemplifies the type of angle collision that devastates

motorcycle riders both physically and legally," stated Thomas York, Founding Attorney at NC Injury Law. "When a turning driver fails to yield to a motorcyclist with the right of way, insurance companies immediately argue that the rider's speed or lane position contributed to the crash. Under North Carolina's contributory negligence law, even a finding of one percent fault eliminates the rider's entire claim, regardless of the other driver's clear violation of traffic laws."

Motorcyclists in North Carolina face disproportionate risks, being 28 times more likely to die in a crash than passenger vehicle occupants per mile traveled and over five times more likely to sustain injuries. Despite representing only two percent of registered vehicles statewide, motorcycles account for nearly 10 percent of annual traffic fatalities. National data shows that 43 percent of fatal two-vehicle motorcycle crashes involve a vehicle turning left across the rider's path, typically because the driver failed to see the motorcycle or misjudged its speed.

The legal landscape for motorcycle accident victims in North Carolina presents unique challenges beyond the physical dangers. The state's contributory negligence law bars all recovery if a motorcyclist is found even minimally at fault. Insurance adjusters routinely argue speeding, improper lane use, or failure to wear DOT-compliant helmets as evidence of rider negligence. These tactics can eliminate otherwise valid claims, making immediate evidence preservation and expert crash reconstruction essential.

With over 30 years of legal practice and experience that includes insurance defense work, York brings valuable insight into how carriers investigate and challenge motorcycle claims in New Hanover County. This background enables the firm to anticipate and counter specific arguments insurers deploy against injured riders. The firm has recovered over $50 million for North Carolina accident victims while operating on a contingency fee basis.

For riders injured in motorcycle accidents, time constraints add another layer of urgency. North Carolina's statute of limitations allows three years from the crash date for injury claims and two years for wrongful death claims. As a Wilmington motorcycle accident lawyer, York emphasizes the importance of securing legal representation promptly to preserve evidence and protect riders' rights.

NC Injury Law, PLLC is a personal injury law firm based in Wilmington, North Carolina, serving motorcycle accident victims throughout New Hanover County and the greater Wilmington area. Founded by attorney Thomas York, who has practiced law for more than 30 years with North Carolina Bar admission since 1992, the firm handles all cases on a contingency fee basis with no upfront fees and offers bilingual English/Spanish support.

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