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In The News

Top Lawyer - Global Who's Who

Our own Lindsay Cullen has been named one of the Best Up & Coming top attorneys in Nevada by Nevada Business Magazine! The annual list showcases attorneys whose peers have named them amongst the best of the best.

She has also been selected by the Global Who's Who as a Professional of the Year for outstanding contributions and achievements in the field of Law.



Javier Arguello was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America(c)2018 in the field of Workers Compensation.

Best Lawyers®



Congratulations to Partners John Bertoldo and Brett Carter for being selected to the 2017 Mountain States Super Lawyers list, an honor reserved for lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice. Only 5% of attorneys in Mountain States receive this distinction!

RECENT CLIENT SUCCESS STORIES:


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"I have used Bertoldo Baker Carter & Smith numerous times for auto accidents that I have been in over the years. The service is like no other.

Charlene Bloomfield stayed in a constant communication with updates and status on my case and was genuinely concerned about my recovery.

I recommend this law firm to all family and friends who are unfortunate to find themselves in a situation to need help with legal affairs."

-Tiffany L.



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"Shout out to the most amazing team Brett Carter, Jodi and Ellie!!! I've been coming to this firm for everything since 1998. They are hands down #1 customer service, case preparation and has won my cases every time with 110% full service.

I have always recommended Brett Carter and his firm to all my friends & family for years. Don't forget to say hello to Brett Carter, Jodi, Ellie and Gail for me!!! You will love them, I promise."

-Christen V.



CLIENT TESTIMONIAL



"Thank you to John Bertoldo and Case manager Elle for handling my case! Highly recommend this law firm! Professional and passionate team! Happy with my settlement."

- Miki L.



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PROPOSED BIKE PATH CAN REDUCE BICYCLE ACCIDENTS IN DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS



Southern Nevada officials have recently proposed the creation of a new path exclusively for bicycles and walkers traveling between UNLV and downtown Las Vegas. If plans push through, bicyclists and pedestrians will be able to use this path to lower the risk of vehicular collisions that ordinarily occur on local streets. The proposed path is known as the Spencer Greenway Trail and UNLV Bike Plan. It is expected to cover a narrow portion of land situated between Katie Avenue and Charleston Boulevard which are currently occupied by power lines. The project will cost the government some \$2 to \$5 million and is expected to benefit many of the Las Vegas residents who regularly walk and take their bicycles around the city. The project also envisions a friendly environment marked by colorful artwork and signs, children's play areas, and bicycle racks.

While the project proponents have not yet set timelines for its completion, the planned bike path is already creating excitement among local officials and residents who look forward to having an alternative avenue to the downtown area that keeps safety in mind and is free from bicycle crashes.

BICYCLE USE IN LAS VEGAS

Bicycles are increasingly popular in Las Vegas. Not only have more bike trails been established throughout the valley, but the recent launch of the Bike Share system in downtown Las Vegas has attracted more users. Bicycles provide a quick and inexpensive way for tourists to explore downtown Las Vegas. And for those who work downtown, having lunch at a distant restaurant is now a reasonable option.

INJURED IN A BICYCLE CRASH?

Unfortunately, when cyclists are on the road with other motor vehicles, they face risk of collisions. Bicyclists don't have the kind of protection drivers and passengers of motor vehicles have, making them susceptible to severe and even fatal injuries during a bicycle-versus-motor vehicle crash.

If you sustained injuries in a bicycle crash, you should immediately seek medical attention for your injuries. If the crash and your injuries were caused by the driver of the auto, you should also seek out the advice of an attorney to find out your rights for compensation under the law. The lawyers at Bertoldo Baker Carter & Smith have the combined skill and experience to help you receive the compensation which you deserve so you can move forward with your life.

Contact us today at (702) 800-0000 to discuss your situation in a complimentary consultation with one of our experienced bicycle crash attorneys.



SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASHES ARE NOT ALL UNCOMMON

Although car collisions often involve two or more vehicles, single-vehicle incidents are not at all uncommon.

A single-vehicle collision refers to a road traffic incident where there is only one vehicle involved, such as cases involving:

- Collisions with road debris
- Collisions with fallen rocks
- Run-off-road collisions
- Collisions with animals

Generally, the phrase "single-vehicle collision" is only used to refer to situations where the driver or passengers of the vehicle are the sole victims of injury. Crashes which involve bystanders - like collisions with pedestrians or bicyclists - do not usually fall under the single-vehicle category, though the phrase does technically apply. Single-vehicle collisions also don't consider incidents where another individual's property is damaged, such as in cases involving parked vehicles or crashing into a building.

COMMON CAUSES OF SINGLE-VEHICLE INCIDENTS

Because single-vehicle crashes only involve one vehicle, the law will generally infer that the individual best positioned to avoid an incident is the driver. More often than not, single-vehicle crashes occur as a result of operator error or negligence, like driving faster than the posted speed limit, or driving while fatigued or under the influence. However, there are a host of other environmental and roadway factors which may contribute to single-vehicle incidents, such as:

- Poor roadway drainage
- Inclement weather
- Insufficient curve banking
- Narrow lanes or shoulders
- Sharp curves

Single-vehicle incidents can also occur as a result of the acts or intentions of other parties. For example, a driver may suffer a single-vehicle collision as a result of manufacturing defects. Perhaps the brakes are defective, or poor alignment is preventing the car from operating properly. In cases where manufacturing defect has caused a crash, most states allow victims to file product liability lawsuits, which can assist in the recovery of any damages you sustained. This includes damages to your vehicle and any costs associated with personal injury. If a single-vehicle crash occurred due to an obstacle in the roadway, perhaps in an unexpected or concealed location, the driver may have grounds to take legal action against the individual or entity responsible for creating the dangerous condition.

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IS THE DRIVER LIABLE FOR A SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASH?

Because laws regarding single-vehicle incidents assume the driver has the greatest control to prevent a collision, liability does generally rest with the driver. However, as previously noted, there are situations where liability may be shifted to a third party if there is evidence to support they were partially or wholly responsible for the conditions which led to the crash.

If a driver has been involved in a collision as a result of driving under the influence (DUI) and is found guilty, that will generally establish liability on behalf of the driver. That means the driver is responsible for the repair of any damage which came as a result of the crash. The driver may also face criminal charges, depending on the situation.

CAN SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASHES BE AVOIDED?

Although drivers can take certain precautions to help prevent an incident - like remaining vigilant and obeying traffic laws - it is not possible to avoid single-vehicle crashes entirely.

Sometimes, the negligence of other people, motorists or cyclists can lead to a single-vehicle crash. For example, if a cyclist enters the roadway without looking and swerves into your lane, your first reaction will be to swerve and avoid the cyclist. If you, as a result, wind up hitting something other than the cyclist - like a phone pole or guardrail - the cyclist may be liable for the collision.

However, it's important to note that liability largely comes down to the negligence laws established in your state. That's why it is critical that you understand your state's negligence laws before you move forward with filing a legal claim.

If you or someone you know have been involved in a single-vehicle collision and are facing questions over liability or personal injury, it is in your best interest to reach out to a qualified attorney as soon as possible. Only an attorney specializing in single-vehicle incidents and personal injury can evaluate your case and advise what, if any, legal strategies are available.



ATTORNEYS SPECIALIZING IN SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASHES

This is where the dedicated legal team at Bertoldo Baker Carter & Smith can help. Our firm specializes in a broad range of personal injury and liability matters, including cases involving single-vehicle collisions, and has the skills and expertise you need when facing these kinds of legal challenges. We can work closely with you to conduct an in-depth investigation into your personal injury claim and build a case which holds those liable for your situation responsible. Our legal team understands that coping with personal injury is rarely easy. That's why we are proud to serve as your legal advocate - we are here to guide and support you and your case every step of the way.

To explore your legal options with one of our attorneys, we invite you to call our law office today at (702) 800-0000 to schedule a free no-obligation consultation.



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CONTACT US WE CAN HELP

If you or a relative have been injured or worse, the first thing to do is seek medical attention. Injuries may not seem serious at first, however if left untreated, they may become severe, debilitating and long-lasting.

An attorney, knowledgeable in injuries or wrongful death, can help you learn about your legal options, answer your questions and assist you in pursuing your claim.

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Bertoldo Baker Carter & Smith created and launched a new Auto Accident App called Accident App by Bertoldo Baker Carter & Smith to help people that are involved in motor vehicle incidents. The App provides helpful tips on what to do if you are involved in an auto accident as well as easy to use fact and evidence gathering tools such as a camera, video recorder and text notepad.

