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NEW COLORADO LAW AFFECTING DRIVERS AND MOTORCYCLISTS

The summer travel season tends to be particularly dangerous on our roadways as more Coloradans travel to warm weather events and vacation destinations. The period between **Memorial Day and Labor Day** historically sees a spike in road fatalities.

According to the Colorado Department of Transportation:

- Of 135 fatal crashes investigated this year, 15.5% involved motorcycles.
- In the first two weeks of July, motorcycles involved in 37.5% of all fatal crashes.
- There have been four fatal motorcycle crashes in Larimer County this year.

During this more dangerous travel period, Colorado legislators have passed a new **lane filtering** law for motorcyclists. Starting Aug. 7, [SB24-0749](#), motorcyclists will be allowed to pass between lanes under these conditions:

- Other vehicle is stopped.
- Road has lanes wide enough for safe passing.
- Motorcycle speed is 15 mph or less.
- Conditions permit safe operation.

While this new law may improve traffic flow, there are no significant studies on the **safety** of lane filtering. Distracted driving has increased with the rise of cell phone use, and changing lanes without looking or signaling is common. As drivers and motorcyclists adapt to this maneuver, motor vehicle accidents could increase. Despite correct adherence, this law could introduce new risks for motorcyclists and drivers.

We urge all drivers and motorcyclists to be on alert when driving, put down the cell phones, and be aware of this new protocol. Stay safe and have a great summer!

- Bryan VanMeveren



RECENT WIN

\$800,000

Our client, an unemployed 58-year-old man, was an active cyclist who frequently traversed throughout town and canyon roads alike. He was cycling towards Estes Park, unhelmeted, westbound on Highway 34 up a steep graded hill with a narrowed shoulder. As the cyclist climbed the hill, a semi-truck approached from behind at a high rate of speed. The semi-truck trailer began crowding the cyclist and contacted his body on the right side, ejecting the cyclist and slamming him onto the side of the roadway. The cyclist was unconscious with skull fractures and brain bleeds, as well as a fractured left arm. Within six months, VanMeveren Law Group negotiated and resolved the cyclist's claims with the driver's insurance company for \$800,000.00.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN FORT COLLINS

First Friday Art Walk

August 2nd

Art Walk is a monthly self-guided walking tour that celebrates creativity, culture, and community in Downtown Fort Collins on the first Friday of every month! From fine to funky, Art Walk showcases a spectrum of artistic styles to entertain and engage amateurs and art aficionados of all ages, interests and backgrounds.



Outdoor Line Dancing

August 14th & August 28th

Join NOCO Line Dance Group at New Belgium Brewing on the main lawn for FREE line dancing 5:30-7pm! All skill levels welcome.



Sunset Horseback Ride

August 25th-September 8th

This horseback ride is suitable for children 6+ years old and first-time riders, who will enjoy a meandering walk through the valleys and hilltops outside of Fort Collins, Colorado. Tattered Saddle is located only 35 minutes from downtown Fort Collins and 20 minutes from beautiful Red Feather Lakes!



learn more at visitfortcollins.com/events

TESTIMONIAL

See what our clients have to say!



"Couldn't ask for better support through the whole process after an unexpected high speed car accident with our whole family! Our kids were 18 months, 3 and 4 at the time of our accident. This was the scariest event of our/ their lives, but we were so fortunate to have, Karl Hager and Amy help us through the process and they have been there to help since day 1! I truly would not have been able to get through this without Karl and Amy's help! They both have been available for personal check-in's, helping support and organize the bills, as well as the process worth the courts. They really give that personal touch and care about their clients. Not only have they helped during the process before court, but they remain available for help after for making sure we know how to manage

the kids settlement. If you are needing support and help after an accident, I would highly recommend this group! Make sure to ask for Karl and Amy!" - *Former Client*

Adoptable Pet of the Month

Elsa

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Law Group is a proud supporter of Animal Friends

Alliance. Learn more about how you can adopt,

foster or get involved at savinganimalstoday.org

or call the AFA Taft Hill Shelter at

(970)-484-8516

My name is Elsa. My mom and my siblings (Anna, Sven, Kristoff) and I were found in a trailer park in Kersey. I was very afraid of humans at first but now I know they give me food and love.

I have blossomed and love to play with my brothers and sister. I am still a little shy, but will warm up if you give some time. My favorite toys are wands with ribbons and soft balls. If you play with me I will forget about being afraid. I like to play chase with my siblings. I'm the first one to start to use the scratcher and an expert at using the litter box. I would love to meet you and have you play with me!



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