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## Complications Dealing with Commercial Vehicle Accidents



As Tampa's population grows, more big trucks and vans are on the roads. This increase has led to more accidents involving these vehicles. In 2022 alone, there were 3,193 injuries from truck accidents in Florida. There were 368 deaths from these same accidents, making Florida the third deadliest state for large truck crashes. This number keeps going up as more trucks travel our highways every day.

In Florida, you'll see many types of commercial vehicles. These include dump trucks, semi-trucks, tow trucks, commercial pickup trucks, box trucks, delivery vans, commercial vans, city buses, and tour buses. They're everywhere around Tampa Bay, which increases the chances of an accident.

Accidents with commercial vehicles like trucks are often more serious than regular car crashes. Why? These trucks are bigger, heavier, and harder to stop. When they're in accidents:

- They cause more damage to vehicles and things around them.
- The injuries to people involved are usually more severe.
- More than one car is often involved in the crash.

These accidents are also complicated because more than one person or company might be responsible.

The driver who caused the accident and the company they work for can both be held accountable.

Here are some common scenarios involving these types of trucks:

**Delivery Trucks:** These often cause accidents in neighborhoods and can involve pedestrians and property damage.

**Semi-Trucks on Highways:** Accidents with these can happen because of blind spots or when trucks change lanes.

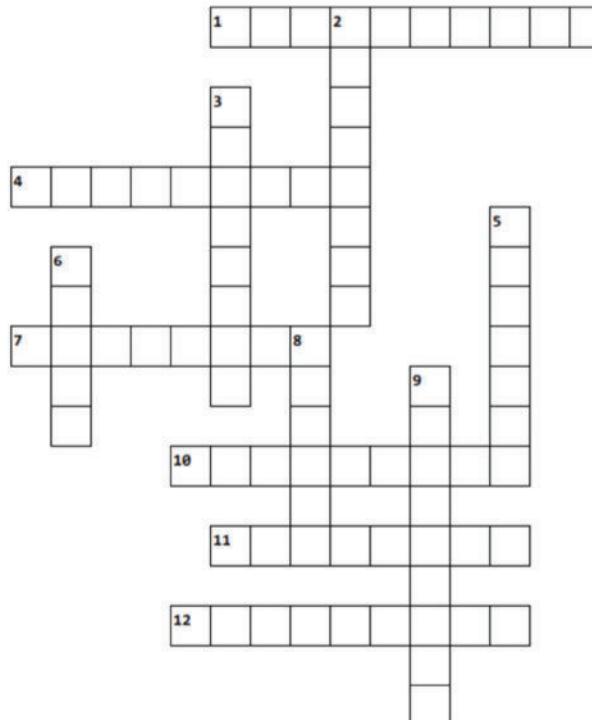
**Speeding Trucks:** When commercial vehicles speed, it's harder for them to stop, which can lead to accidents.

**Tire Blowouts:** This is common with semi-trucks due to their weight and the hot Florida weather, which can cause them to lose control and crash.

If you're in an accident with a commercial vehicle in Florida, your injury attorney will need specific information to help you. This includes details about the accident, medical records related to your injuries, photos of the accident scene, and information from witnesses and insurance companies.

At Brooks Law Group, we help victims of commercial vehicle accidents in Tampa. We fight for justice and compensation for our clients. You don't pay us unless we win your case, and our first consultation is free. If you've been in an accident with a commercial vehicle, contact us for help.

# Personal Injury Cross Word



## Across

1. The party responsible for compensating in a lawsuit
4. Legal document outlining the claims and defenses
7. Proof required in court to win a case
10. The opposite of "plaintiff" in a case
11. A legal professional who fights for you
12. Legal term for the responsibility for an injury

## Down

2. A document filed to start a legal case
3. The person who makes a legal claim for damages
5. A type of legal action taken when someone is harmed due to negligence
6. Legal term for a non-criminal case
8. A medical professional who assesses injuries in court
9. The person who brings a case against another in court

## Brooks Law Employee Spotlight Chamille



This fall we are so excited to turn the employee spotlight onto Chamille, our Legal Support Specialist! Chamille has worked for Brooks Law Group since April and has immediately become an invaluable member of our team.

Chamille's favorite part of her job is doing intakes. Here she is able to be the first one to speak to our clients. She is able to get to know them right away, being the first to hear what they've been through, and getting them the help they need right away. She is also looking to the future, hoping to eventually become one of our talented paralegals.

In her free time, Chamille simply loves her life. She deeply enjoys activities like swimming and going on long drives to absolutely anywhere. As much as she loves being active, she also says she enjoys sleeping a lot. What she loves most, however, is time spent with her son, who is one year old!

Chamille has fallen in love with Brooks Law Group and says what she loves most is that we are a family-oriented firm. She loves her work and hopes to stay with us for a long while yet. We are so lucky to have Chamille as a wonderful addition to our amazing team!

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Brought to you by:  
Diego

### Diego's Salmon Recipe

- 1 pound skin-on salmon fillet, center-cut
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- ¼ cup panko breadcrumbs
- ½ cup parsley leaves, chopped
- ½ teaspoon paprika smoked sweet
- ½ teaspoon Pacific Seafood Seasoning
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon Northwest Salmon Rub Spice Blend
- 2 tablespoons of Coconut Oil
- 1 tablespoon Dijon
- 1 Aluminum foil tray
- Sea Salt Flakes (Maldon)

#### PREPARATION

Preheat the oven to 425° F

In a small bowl mix the brown sugar, paprika, garlic powder, northwest spice blend and 1 teaspoon of sea salt.

In another small bowl mix the panko with parsley, ¼ teaspoon of sea salt, coconut oil and the pacific seafood seasoning.

Place the salmon skin-side down in the aluminum oil tray and spread the surface with the Dijon. Press the brown sugar mixture all over the salmon then top with the breadcrumb mixture.

Bake until the breadcrumbs are golden brown, and the salmon is firm and flakes easily when pressed, 15 to 20 minutes. You can cut the salmon into 4 portions for serving.

## Happy Birthday!

Lucas | Carol  
Jenniffer | Roberto  
Tessa S. | Diego

## Happy Work Anniversary!

Diego | Haven  
Lan Chi | Carol

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## Steve's Corner

by Stephen K. Brooks, Esq.

### What You Need to Know About Big Trucks and Other Commercial Vehicles

Let's face it, driving is often scary. One of the scariest experiences is when you have to deal with large Commercial Vehicles. I have represented countless individuals in car and truck accidents, and some of the most serious accidents that I have seen are when a big truck goes up against a little car. I'm sure you've seen a football game where a small player gets tackled by a huge lineman. Size and weight makes a big difference in accidents!

When we talk about Commercial Vehicles, we usually think of semitrucks or big rigs. While these are some of the heaviest trucks you'll see, they are not the only Commercial Vehicles to think about. Here are some examples:

- Amazon Delivery Vans
- UPS and FedEx Delivery Vans
- Buses
- Box Trucks
- Dump Trucks

- Garbage Trucks
- Service Trucks  
(like those used by plumbers or air conditioning repair people)

These vehicles are much heavier than the cars or SUVs that you probably drive. Most personal vehicles in America weigh between 2,000 and 7,000 pounds. The commercial vehicles listed above can weigh between 12,000 and 60,000 pounds! These vehicles are a lot heavier and can produce a lot more damage than you might think.

Why am I telling you this? If you are in an accident with a commercial vehicle, even if it's not a huge semi-truck, it is still a serious accident. The big difference in weight means the crash can be much worse for you and your smaller car.

If you find yourself injured in one of these accidents, you know who to call! If you have any questions, please feel free to call us, or send me an email directly (steve@brookslawgroup.com). Safe travels!

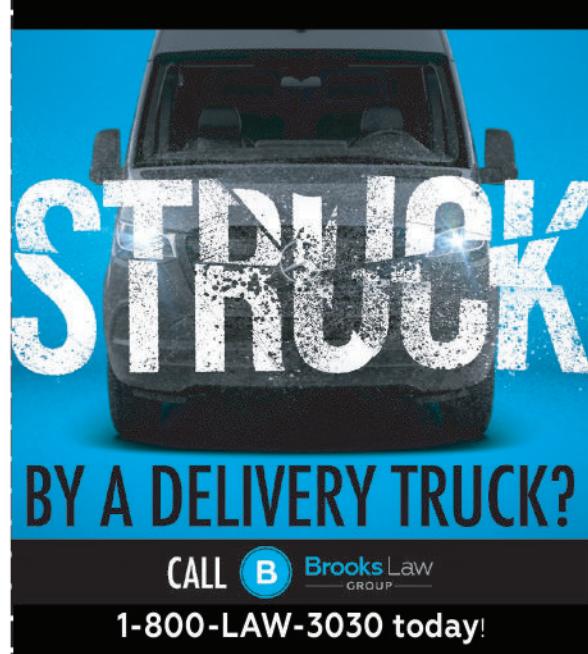
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9. Right to a fair fee for the work we do.
10. Right to make the ultimate decision on your case.



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