

TIMED AGENDA

START - STOP	TOPIC	LENGTH
12:30 - 12:50	Driver training on inspection, passing DMV brake tests and break inspections	20
12:50 - 1:10	Types of brakes, DVIRs, and roadside brake inspections	20
1:10 - 1:30	Out of service criteria for brakes, and explaining what CVSA, ISS, and CSA mean	20
1:30 - 1:50	States code of regulations. Local and state patrol CMV brake obligations. Safety management systems.	20
1:50 - 2:10	Publicly available information on motor carriers, maintenance and driver violations and FOIA requests	20
2:10 - 2:30	Deep Dive into FMCSRs and Brake specific sections. Qualifications of brake inspectors	20
2:30 - 2:45	Q&A	15
TOTAL MINUTES: 120 MIN AND 15 MIN Q&A		

Program Start Time: 12:30 PM PT

Program End Time: 2:45 PM PT

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Anderson, Peter M. (2023) *Putting the Brakes on Trucking Fatalities*, PowerPoint (184 Slides)

TRIAL GUIDES COURSE NO. 231219

DESCRIPTION

Truck accident cases involving large commercial trucks often involve serious injuries and complex litigation issues that are distinct from traditional car crash cases. In this program, experienced trial lawyers Peter M. Anderson and Carlo Bonavita teach you how to successfully navigate and win truck accident cases.

Starting with an in-depth look into commercial motor vehicle (CMV) brake systems, this session will examine all aspects of CMV brakes, including what trucking academies teach, brake tests needed to obtain a commercial driver license (CDL), and daily brake system inspection requirements. Attendees will also learn about the intricacies of the heart of the system, from the compressor to glad hands to brake chambers.

This trucking CLE program will review brake-related Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and connect the requirements to State CDL manuals. Anderson and Bonavita will cover shippers and brokers' duties to hire safe motor carriers and how to assess brake issues with potential carriers, including a detailed review of the legal requirements of truckers and motor carriers' daily and yearly inspections, maintenance, repairs, and required document retention.

PRESENTER**PETER M. ANDERSON**

- Trial Lawyer, Law Offices of Peter M, Anderson
- West Chester University, B.S., 1994
- New England School of Law, J.D.
- Licensed in the U.S. District Court of the District of Colorado, and in the 10th Circuit of the U.S. Supreme Court

Admissions: Colorado

[Peter M. Anderson](#) was born to be jury trial lawyer. Mr. Anderson is a former insurance claims adjuster, current national trial tactics lecturer and holds yearly medical seminars teaching doctors about insurance claims practices and their role in litigation and trial. Attorney Anderson's first career was as an insurance claims supervisor; as a claims adjuster and a claims manager, he utilized claims assessment software in evaluating and assessing personal injury claims. Through this experience, he gained an in-depth working knowledge of how insurance companies adjust claims, and the right and wrong way to evaluate a claim.

Attorney Anderson is a highly respected Colorado trial attorney with an extensive history of six- and seven-figure verdicts in common spinal injury claims that resulted in chronic pain, as well as significant eight-figure settlements and verdicts in traumatic brain injury, amputation, and trucking cases. Mr. Anderson's jury trial firm specializes in interstate trucking cases as Mr. Anderson has completed trucking school, passed all DMV trucking inspection and tests, and is taking the truck Boards this Fall.

In 2023 he has received over \$11,000,000.00 in jury verdicts, and \$41,000,000.00 in trucking settlements. He has tried jury trials every year for over two decades, and during this time, he has won over 95% of his jury trials, while other cases have resulted in eight-figure settlements. Attorney Anderson received money in 15 straight jury trials, ranging from 5 to 15-day jury trials and consistently beats the insurance corporation's offers by 50X to 150X.

WEBSITE

<https://coloradopersonalinjury.com/>

ASSOCIATIONS

- Colorado Trial Lawyers Association: Chair of the Trucking Committee, and former Board Member
- National Board of Trial Advocacy
- Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys
- American Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association
- Boulder County Bar Association: Co-Chair of the Civil Litigation and Medical/Legal Section (2003-2008)
- Graduate - National Institute for Trial Advocacy
- Graduate - William "Bill" Barton's Litigation Boot Camp

HONORS

- Colorado Bar Association's 2005 Young Lawyer of the Year



CARLO F. BONAVIDA

- Senior Litigation Associate, Law Offices of Peter M. Anderson
- J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law, 2004; Fordham University, 2001
- Colorado Trial Lawyers Association;
- Vice Chair CTLA Trucking Safety Committee
- Association of Truck Accident Attorneys

Admissions: Colorado, Massachusetts

Carlo F. Bonavita is a semi-truck lawyer with more than 17 years of experience handling trucking litigation, complex civil litigation, product liability, and insurance coverage issues in state and federal courts across the country.

Carlo previously served on a regional counsel team for a major interstate motor carrier, and defended product liability claims for major auto and semi-truck manufactures. His expertise lies in his written argument prowess. Carlo has extensive experience in legal research, discovery, and motion practice, including successfully defending failure to warn claims in the trial and appellate courts, defeating a putative class action in federal court on a novel employment claim, and pursuing exemplary damages against semi-truck drivers and employers. As an 18-wheeler accident lawyer, Carlo has written numerous winning briefs on the issues inherent to the trucking industry relied upon across the United States.

When not writing, Carlo enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, wrangling his three dogs, or collecting comic books and original comic book art.

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NOTABLE OUTCOMES

- *\$25 million settlement for plaintiff severely injured in a crash caused by an irresponsible trucker;*
- *Denver jury verdict of \$7,400,000.00 for a hardworking man hurt by Knight-Swift Corporation semi-truck driver;*
- *\$6 million settlement stemming from 18-wheeler truck crash, injuries to plaintiff and partner's loss of consortium claim;*
- *\$5 million litigation settlement for plaintiffs with physical impairment injuries, including mild traumatic brain injury, from a truck-car wreck.*