

Attorney Lee Arter Helps Colleagues Handle Pedestrian and Cyclist Crash Cases

Lee Arter, founder of the <u>Law Offices of Lee Arter</u>, lists the top three tips for attorneys representing clients in pedestrian- or bicycle-related accidents involving motor vehicles.

Los Angeles, CA (<u>PRWEB</u>) July 06, 2016 -- Tens of thousands of pedestrians and bicyclists are injured or killed annually in crashes involving motor vehicles. "Personal injury attorneys representing victims in these cases face an uphill battle in obtaining recovery for their clients due to the perception held by many, including insurance companies, that bicyclists and pedestrians often ignore safety laws, such as failing to wear helmets, to use turn signals or entering intersections before the traffic lights turn green," said attorney Lee Arter, who focuses on personal injury and the rights of individuals who have been hurt by negligent drivers.

To assist fellow attorneys who practice personal injury law and represent clients in pedestrian and bicycle accident cases involving motor vehicles, Arter shares the following three tips:

No. 1: Identify all potential claims and sources of recovery. "It is imperative in these types of cases that counsel identify all potential claims and sources of recovery — from the automobile driver that crashed into the bicyclist or pedestrian to the governmental entity responsible for maintaining traffic signals or painting street lines," said Arter.

No. 2: Understand the dynamics of cycling. Arter also stresses that counsel in bike crash cases familiarize themselves with the dynamics of bicycling, including what is reasonable with regard to speed and hazard perception. "Cities often have particular ordinances regarding the proper riding of bicycles on city streets and thoroughfares," said Arter. "Many cities have ordinances against bicyclists riding on the sidewalk and the bicyclist's direction of travel. Bicycles should be ridden in the same direction of travel as motor vehicles."

No. 3: Collect and preserve evidence. "Collecting and preserving evidence, including social media evidence, using experts and overcoming affirmative defenses, poses a unique challenge for counsel, but is crucial," said Arter. "Practitioners must also understand effective approaches to negotiating with insurance companies in these cases."

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