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WHO IS JOHN DOE?

If you are in an accident and the driver fled the scene (known as a hit-and-run), you may be able to file an injury claim against the negligent party, even if they are unknown. An uninsured motorist claim can be made against your own insurance company and the suit can be filed against the unknown driver by naming them “John Doe”.

To receive compensation in a hit-and-run, you **MUST** have automobile insurance in your name or on the car you are driving. If the claim proceeds into litigation and ultimately goes to court, John Doe’s defense attorney (hired by your insurance company) sits next to an empty chair for the proceeding. Of course, there will be no defendant available to testify, but the defense attorney may call witnesses or hire experts to contest your claims.

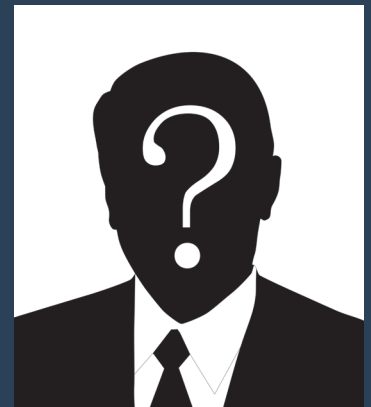
They may try to show that you were contributorily negligent. If they can prove that you were at fault, even by the tiniest measure, then they are not required to compensate you for your injuries under Virginia law.

It is crucial to hire a personal injury attorney in these situations to help you make the best recovery possible! If you are awarded damages, your insurance company will pay you, and your premiums should not go up. Your policy limits may determine or limit the amount you can recover. We recommend getting the highest limits you can. When you buy liability coverage in Virginia, you get the same coverage in uninsured coverage unless you opt for less underinsured coverage. We have handled hit-and-run cases where our clients had high limits and it makes a **BIG** difference in the recovery for the client.

\$750,000 HIT-AND-RUN CASE

Our client was driving in Richmond, VA when he was rear-ended by someone. The other driver fled the scene of the accident and was never identified. In the collision, our client sustained a significant exacerbation of a pre-existing back and neck injury. He was treated at a nearby hospital for two days after the accident and was diagnosed with cervical radiculopathy, prescribed pain medication, and released. With back pain radiating into his legs, our client followed up with specialists.

After MRIs were reviewed, it was decided that a lumbar fusion surgery was necessary. The surgery was successful and our client noticed immediate improvement with his pain. After several months though, pain returned to his back and pelvis. He was given injections over a long period of time and was prescribed physical therapy. This case settled for \$750,000. Fortunately, for this client, the limits on his vehicle policy were high so we were able to make this recovery. Be sure to check your own policies to make certain they’re high in case you’re ever hit by an uninsured driver or involved in a hit-and-run!



Congratulations to Our Annual Survivor Scholarship Winner!

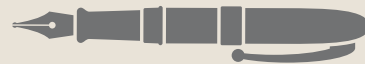
We are pleased to announce the winner of our Survivor Scholarship – a senior at Highland Park Senior High School in St. Paul, Minnesota, Lia Bleifuss! Bleifuss has a neuromuscular disease called Charcot-Marie Tooth and founded the first Disability Alliance Club in her school district when she was a sophomore. Since then she has gotten involved in disability activism in her community as well. She would like to combine her interest in disability studies with medicine in college and beyond. She lives in Minneapolis with her parents, sister, service dog and five other pets, and in her free time she enjoys hanging out with her friends, baking, and listening to public radio.

A Note from Lia

I am so excited and honored to receive The Warren Firm's Survivor Scholarship! This award allows me to share my story with others, and help me continue my disability activism in the future. Being awarded this scholarship has reinforced for me the idea that hard work does pay off and makes me so excited for what's to come.



FROM THE DESK OF
VADEN WARREN



VTLA Annual Summit

I had a great time at the annual Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Summit! I really enjoyed seeing other trial lawyers from across the state and I was able to log some continuing legal education hours (Virginia lawyers need 12 hours per year!). VTLA is a great organization where we all work together to protect the rights of individuals against insurance companies.



Executive Committee for the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association 2022-2023

CREATING THE HARD WORK PAYS OFF SCHOLARSHIP

Vaden Warren grew up in Crewe, Virginia, a rural town in Southside Virginia with a population of just over 2,000 people. While Warren's career has led him 80 miles north of Crewe to Charlottesville, he actively works with clients from all over Central and Southside Virginia and the area still holds a special place in his heart. He has always remembered the examples of hard work and determination he noticed in his community growing up. This was the genesis and inspiration behind the firm's \$2,500 Hard Work Pays Off Scholarship.



While most scholarships reward GPAs, honor societies, and dean's list students, Warren wanted to make this scholarship widely available to students of any academic background and standing. He hopes it will be an opportunity to appreciate those who work hard not just in school, but in other endeavors to move themselves forward in life. The scholarship does not take into account GPA and accepts a wide array of documents that can substitute for the traditional resume, transcript and essay. Applicants can be planning to attend a trade school, an accredited community college, or an undergraduate program following graduation.

Applications are due by July 31, 2022, and further details can be found on The Warren Firm's website by following the QR code in the lower right corner of this page.



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"The Warren Firm took care of my case with total professionalism. My husband and I were at ease because we felt that Mr. Warren was making our case a priority. All of his staff were kind and answered all our questions quickly and we felt as if our needs were being fought for in our case. I would definitely recommend this firm for everyone!"

- Jocelyn L.



**\$2,500
Hard Work
Pays Off
Scholarship**

APPLY ON OUR WEBSITE

About the Scholarship

Seniors from the following Virginia counties may apply: Appomattox, Charlotte, Lunenburg, Nottoway, Amelia, Cumberland, Buckingham, and Prince Edward

*There is no GPA minimum to apply for this scholarship



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