# THE WARREN REPORT

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# **MR. PRESIDENT!**

In March, Vaden became President of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (VTLA)! VTLA is a voluntary bar association with approximately 2,000 members across the Commonwealth. It is dedicated to enhancing the knowledge, skills and professionalism of trial lawyers and committed to improving the law and the fairness of Virginia's system of justice. Vaden has been a member of VTLA for 25 years and looks forward to continuing serving in such a meaningful organization.





Above: Vaden speaks at the Virginia Trial Lawyer's Association's annual conference. Left: The VTLA executive committee.





## Newest Warren Firm Fan!

Our newsletters were put on hold the last few months while our marketing coordinator was out on maternity leave! Welcome to the team baby Banks!

#### **CONTINUING SERIES:**

# THE MOST COMMON INJURIES IN PERSONAL INJURY LAW

Every month this year in the newsletter, we will highlight an injury that we see most often with our clients.

# Whiplash

Whiplash can result from any incident where a person's neck moves quickly from side to side or from front to back. This most commonly occurs in car crashes, but it can also happen in motorcycle accidents, bike crashes, assaults, or even slips and falls. Whiplash can result in long-lasting neck pain, restricted range of movement, and chronic headaches. It can also impact a person's emotional wellbeing, ability to earn a living, and overall quality of life.

The presence of these injuries may not be immediately apparent, and it can be difficult to link them to the incident at hand. Even if you don't immediately feel neck pain following an accident, it's important that you see a doctor and tell them what occurred. They will evaluate you for a neck injury. Not only does this ensure proper medical care for your injury, it also starts the documentation process that will be necessary to prove your claim later on. Because



damage to soft tissue doesn't usually appear on x-rays or MRI scans like a broken bone does, it can be difficult to prove to an insurance adjuster or in court.

# **2023 Hard Work Pays Off Scholarship**

The Warren Firm is pleased to once again offer a \$2,500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior in Southside Virginia, from the following counties: Appomattox, Charlotte, Lunenburg, Nottoway, Amelia, Cumberland, Buckingham, and Prince Edward. The firm's founder and lead attorney, Vaden Warren, grew up in Crewe, Virginia. While his office is in downtown Charlottesville, he actively works with clients from Southside Virginia.

This scholarship focuses on work ethic, with no regard to GPA or academic merits. The Warren Firm values hard



work and we want to recognize students who understand the importance of diligence, personal responsibility, and delayed gratification. The deadline to apply is July 31, 2023. For more details visit https://warren-law. com/the-survivor-scholarship or scan the QR code!



## **11** Ways to Harm Your Case: Part Three

There can be many pitfalls in a personal injury case. Insurance companies will try many methods to deny your claim altogether or make the recovery as small as possible. Each month we will highlight something you should NOT do when it comes to working with insurance companies!

#### 11 WAYS TO HARM YOUR PERSONAL INJURY CASE

4. Not take pictures of any cars involved



If there is significant damage done to the cars, they will likely be moved to a salvage yard quickly. You will want to have photographs taken of all vehicles involved, if possible. Once they are moved to the salvage yard, they will either be sold or destroyed, and the opportunity to have them photographed may be lost.

#### WHAT NOT TO DO, SO FAR ...

- 1. Admit to any fault at the secene of the collision.
- 2. Downplay your injuries.
- 3. Not take any pictures of cars involved

# 2022 Survivor Scholarship Winner: Rebecca Fuller

Rebecca Fuller is a student at a university in Lynchburg, VA, and she is continuing her education after the unexpected loss of her husband. She wrote to us: "I am a widow. I lost my husband and the father of my children when we were both 25 years old. My sons were 6 months and 3 years old at the time. I was left to figure out a whole new life all on my own."

Not long after this tragedy, she also found out that her sons were diagnosed with speech and learning disabilities. Between caring and advocating for her children, earning an income, and deciding to continue her undergraduate degree, she says she is determined to never give up and to show her boys how to persevere through life's trials. Although the loss and grief have changed her world, she says she has been able to find joy in her family, work, and education.



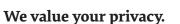
"I cannot thank The Warren Firm enough for awarding me the Survivor Scholarship. This will help me continue my education to further my career and succeed in showing my kids that hard work and dedication pay off — to never give up on your dreams despite your obstacles. It's never too late or too early to start working on your education journey, and I am so thankful for the opportunity given to me to help me."

— Rebecca Fuller

We focus our practice on cases involving: Personal Injury Wrongful Death Children's Injuries Bicycle Accidents Auto Accidents

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