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(I.) Rick Shapiro Interviewed by ABC News about Fentanyl/Duragesic Pain Patch Deaths

Our law firm is representing a husband who lost his wife after she applied a fentanyl pain patch and accidentally overdosed. Unfortunately, this tragic situation is quite common. Fentanyl (also known as duragesic) pain patches are, drop for drop, 100 times stronger than morphine. Firm [attorney Rick Shapiro was interviewed by ABC News](#) about the risks associated with these pain patches. Our firm has also [written to the FDA Commissioner asking for immediate action to control the handling and distribution of prescription fentanyl/duragesic](#).

(II.) Medicare Wants Their Money Back

If you have a personal injury claim against a negligent party and Medicare pays your medical expenses, [Medicare will seek to recover a substantial sum of the benefits paid to you or your loved one \(the expenses incurred due to the claim\)](#). One of the biggest hassles is when an injured person is incurring future medical expense that will arise after the date of a settlement. Right now, unless new legislation is enacted, there are absolutely no regulations that guide what exactly must be repaid to the government's Medicare recovery agent. It's a complete nightmare for injured persons and their injury attorneys, particularly those that may have definite future medical expenses that are contemplated at the time of settlement of a case.

(III.) Vibrating Car Seat Could Help Cut Down on Car Accidents

A mechanical engineer at Yale University designed [a system that uses vibrating cell phone motors and other actuators embedded in the seat](#), which would vibrate on you very lightly for the entire trip. When a car, truck, motorcycle, or other vehicle moves behind or beside your vehicle, sensors send a message to the seat that increases the vibrating on that side of the seat. For example, if another vehicle pulls alongside the rear-right side, the lower-right of the seat will vibrate.

(IV.) AAJ Summer 2010 Conference Featured Rick Shapiro as Presenter/Speaker/Panelist

Rick Shapiro was invited to be a presenter/speaker/panelist at the American Association for Justice Annual Convention (July 2010). He focused on occupational carcinogens like asbestos, diesel fumes, and other hazardous substances in railroad injury cases. Rick is well known to the AAJ. He has spoken at their annual convention on three prior occasions. These [conventions](#), held over a five-day period, feature education



programs for plaintiff lawyers with a national focus including best practices and strategies for various types of civil litigation. The convention allows attorneys to return to their practices reenergized and better able to represent their clients.

(V.) The ONLY Thing Personal Injury Lawyers and Insurance Companies Agree On

[Insurance companies and personal injury victim lawyers](#) rarely agree on anything, but there is one exception: It's best not to have a minimum limits, bare bones insurance policy coverage because it will not cover catastrophic or serious injuries in the modern world. Why? Because medical and hospital expenses are skyrocketing and it doesn't take too much hospitalization or medical care in a personal injury case to mean that a minimum limit/coverage car insurance policy will not provide enough coverage to compensate a victim.

(VI.) As CSX Profits Soar, Injured Rail Workers Continue to Struggle

CSX Railroad reported a 36 percent increase in profits during the second quarter of 2010 - \$414 million in revenue, which is over \$120 million more than the second quarter of 2009 (\$282 million), [according to the International Business Times](#). It's good to see CSX doing so well, but it is worth noting that even with their burgeoning profits, the rail company continues to delay and drag out claims with their own injured employees. In fact, over the past 5-10 years, [CSX has increasingly refused to settle with its workers forcing trials](#), then appeals, before settling the majority of significant worker injury, disease or death cases.

(VII.) From the Desk of [Investigator Donnie Case](#):

The United Transportation Union (UTU) created a Rail Safety Task Force which asked UTU members to share their workplace concerns. The member survey revealed that fatigue, harassment and intimidation are distracting members from situational awareness and placing them in harm's way. To learn more, [check out the report details from the task force](#).

(VIII.) From the Desk of [Investigator Herb Wooten](#):

The [U.S. Railroad Retirement Board](#) will hold eight free informational conferences throughout 2010 for elected officers of all railroad labor unions.

The conference in Virginia will be held on September 10 in Roanoke. The location is Hyatt Place Roanoke Airport, 5040 Valley View Blvd. NW

The conference in North Carolina will be held on October 22 in Matthews. The location is the Holiday Inn Express, 9420 East Independence Blvd.

(IX.) Get one of our Free Consumer Reports/Guides Free Via Email Today!

Our attorneys are consistently adding new consumer guides/reports in our website library devoted to relevant injury law topics. Order one or more today...

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- [Best Guide to Car Accident Injuries in North Carolina, A Book Telling What You Need to Know if Hurt in a Car](#)
- [What You Must Know About Claims on Behalf of An Injured Minor/Child](#)
- [Best Guide to Truck Accident Injuries: Read Before Talking to Any Adjuster](#)
- [Top Ten Tips from Experienced Medical Malpractice Lawyers](#)
- [Dangerous Drugs: Yaz, Yasmin, and Ocella Birth Control Pills Cause Blood Clots, Stroke, and Even Death](#)
- [Surgeries Gone Wrong: The Top 5 Surgical Errors and how NOT to Become a Victim](#)
- [What You Need To Know About Uninsured/Barely Insured Drivers: Secrets To Protecting Yourself If They Injure You In A Car Accident](#)
- [Eyes on the Road: Common Factors Leading to Distracted Driving](#)
- [What You Need To Do If You Are Hurt in an Airplane Accident](#)
- [What Railroad Claim Agents Won't Tell You \(But You Must Know\)](#)
- [Do's & Don'ts When Injured at a Railroad--The Railroad Worker's FELA Rights](#)

About the Editors: "All We Do Is Injury Law" at [Shapiro, Cooper Lewis & Appleton](#). We have a proven track record of success for our injury clients, and you can review our [case results](#) to see for yourself. Our personal injury law firm has the highest rating of AV from Martindale-Hubbell, a national lawyer ranking organization, which means we have a reputation for preeminent legal skill. In addition, two of the firm's injury attorneys are listed for injury law practice areas in "[The Best Lawyers in America](#)" (2010) and three lawyers are listed as Virginia "[Super Lawyers](#)" (2010).

While not all injury cases meet our criteria, we always provide FREE injury case consultations, so call us toll free at 1-800-752-0042. We edit the [Virginia Beach Injuryboard](#), [Norfolk Injuryboard](#) and [Northeast North Carolina Injuryboard](#) blogs as a public information service. We also host other focused injury law blogs: [Virginia Trucking Accidents/Injury Lawyers Blog](#), [Railroad/FELA Injury Attorneys Blog](#), [Virginia-North Carolina Medical Malpractice Lawyers Blog](#), and [Eastern Shore Virginia Accident Attorneys Blog](#). Our injury attorneys also host an extensive [injury law video library on Youtube](#).

