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(I.) HS Injury Law Safety News Reports Hit the Web

Our firm just released a set of video news reports focused on important traffic safety topics. Feel free to view these reports here:

- [Making a Right Turn at a Red Light – What's Legal? What's Not?](#)
- [The Dangers of Making an Improper Lane Change](#)
- [What You Can Do to Avoid a Rear End Car Accident](#)

- [Texting and Talking on Your Cell Phone Makes You a Distracted Driver](#)
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(II.) Attorney Emily Mapp Brannon Now Licensed in Florida

We are very proud to announce that attorney Emily Mapp Brannon, who has been working at Shapiro, Cooper, Lewis, & Appleton since 2008, is now licensed in the state of Florida. Our firm believes multi-state licensure is important since it broadens our legal knowledge and allows us to handle cases in a variety of state courts.

(III.) New Hampton, Virginia Satellite Office is Now Open

Our firm has expanded its presence in Hampton Roads by opening a new satellite office in Hampton, VA. The office is located in the Mill Point Center at 101 Eaton Street. Our goal in opening this office is to better serve existing and new clients residing on in the Hampton/Newport News/Williamsburg VA areas or anywhere else surrounding the Peninsula area.

(IV.) New Free Safety Guide Published about What to Do After a Small Airplane Crash

Our firm recently published a new free safety guide focused on tips on survival in a small airplane accident. One of the attorneys at our firm, Jim Lewis, is a licensed pilot so he provides a unique perspective on this important issue.

[Get the free guide here.](#)

(V.) FELA vs. Worker's Compensation for Railroad Employees – Understanding the Differences

Railroad workers who are injured on the job are usually protected by a federal law, [the Federal Employers' Liability Act \(FELA\)](#), and not state Workman's Compensation laws. This is important to clarify since many hurt railroaders believe they'll be covered under Workman's Comp and haven't heard of the FELA. It's vital for you to understand your FELA rights so you do not get taken advantage of by a railroad company claims adjuster.

[Check out the article here](#)

(VI.) Whistleblower Protection for Railroad Workers

[The Federal Railroad Safety Act](#) includes protection for railroad whistleblowers. These whistleblowers are rail workers who do their duty to voluntarily notify their employer of a safety problem or hazard at the workplace. The law's protection allows a rail employee to file a claim if they feel there was a retaliation or discrimination against them by their employer (i.e. rail companies like Norfolk Southern, CSX and Amtrak). This is extremely important since many workers who try to do the right thing to make sure the workplace is safe worry that their employer may try to demote or suspend them for no legitimate reason.

(VII.) Hospitals Held Responsible for Medical Negligence through “Vicarious Liability”

Let's say you're in the hospital receiving treatment for a medical condition like diabetes, asthma, or you're just there to get an annual checkup. The nurse who is treating you makes a medical mistake like injecting you with the wrong medication. This error results in you suffering a serious injury, or even a permanent disability. The hospital is held responsible by “vicarious liability.” This means an employer is liable for the negligent actions of their employee, even if the employer was not directly responsible for the injury.

[To learn more, check out the full article here.](#)

(VIII.) From the Desk of Investigator Donnie Case:

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA) has received the support of [the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen](#) with the condition that jobs created under the plan go to American railroad workers. The PRIIA will help provide assistance to States in developing their rail plans in order to ensure that the Federal long-range National Rail Plan is consistent with approved State rail plans.

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

[The Amtrak train wreck in Mebane, North Carolina](#) is indicative of the havoc that is created when a train is involved in an accident. The crash was so severe that it caused a massive fire along with the train derailing. At least 13 people suffered injuries.

(X.) 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...

- [Best Guide to Car Accident Injuries in Virginia, A Book Telling What You Need to Know if Hurt in a Car](#)

- [Best Guide to Car Accident Injuries in North Carolina, A Book Telling What You Need to Know if Hurt in a Car](#)
- [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](#)" (2009).

We 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.

