

# **The Weinstein Firm Announces \$4.5 Million Car Accident Settlement Demonstrating Evidence-Driven Approach Critical Under Georgia's New Legal Framework**

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The Weinstein Firm has secured a \$4.5 million settlement for an Atlanta-area car accident victim, a result that stands in stark contrast to the national average bodily injury claim of \$28,278 reported by the Insurance Information Institute for 2024. The settlement, which represents approximately 159 times the typical insurance payout, demonstrates the impact of immediate evidence preservation and comprehensive injury documentation in catastrophic injury cases.

The Atlanta-based personal injury firm attributes the substantial settlement to specific claim-building practices implemented from the moment of initial client contact. These included immediate crash scene evidence preservation, independent accident reconstruction, comprehensive medical documentation establishing long-term injury impact, and aggressive liability development that prevented insurance defense teams from controlling the evidentiary record.

"The practices that produced this Atlanta \$4.5M car accident settlement result are precisely what Georgia's Senate Bill 68 now demands of every serious injury claim," said Harris Weinstein, Managing Partner of The Weinstein Firm. "The new legal framework, with its bifurcation provisions and phantom damages rules, means juries may decide fault before hearing about injuries, and medical damages are now capped at insurer-paid amounts rather than full billed charges. The evidence-driven approach we applied in this case has become essential, not optional, for Atlanta car accident victims seeking fair compensation."

Georgia Senate Bill 68, which took effect April 21, 2025, fundamentally altered how catastrophic injury claims are built and presented. The law's phantom damages provision caps medical damages at amounts actually

paid by insurers rather than full billed charges. The bifurcation option allows defendants to separate liability from damages phases in claims exceeding \$150,000. Additionally, the seatbelt evidence change provides insurers new arguments to assign comparative fault to victims.

These changes arrive as Atlanta continues to face significant road safety challenges. The Georgia Department of Transportation and Governor's Office of Highway Safety reported 33,305 car crashes in Atlanta during 2024, averaging 91 collisions daily. Many of these crashes involve serious injuries requiring the immediate evidence preservation and medical documentation strategies The Weinstein Firm Atlanta \$4.5M car accident settlement result exemplified.

The firm's founding attorneys, brothers Harris and Michael Weinstein, have recovered over \$30 million for Georgia injury victims since establishing their practice in 2013. Their track record includes multiple seven-figure settlements across car accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle crashes, and catastrophic injury cases throughout Metro Atlanta. The firm has earned recognition from The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 and Top 40 Under 40, along with a 2025 Best of Georgia Honorable Mention in personal injury from the Georgia Business Journal.

The gap between the \$4.5 million settlement and the national average claim value of \$28,278 underscores a critical reality for accident victims. Most individuals accept settlements far below their claim's actual value, often because they lack legal representation capable of building the comprehensive evidentiary record required to negotiate from a position of strength.

The Weinstein Firm is a personal injury law firm based in Sandy Springs, Georgia, representing car accident victims, motorcycle riders, cyclists, and other injury clients throughout Metro Atlanta and statewide. Founded in 2013 by brothers Harris and Michael Weinstein, the firm has recovered over \$30 million for injured Georgians. The firm handles car accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle accidents, catastrophic injuries, traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and wrongful death cases on a contingency fee basis.

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