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Settlement in a Product Liability/ Severe Injury Case

In September 2011, our client was riding as a driver and passenger on the Canyon Road Connector in Cobb County, Georgia. As the driver of the car, our client would be a "qualified licensed driver," and drove legally off the maximum speed of the emergency lane and under the speed control of the car. The vehicle left the roadway and overturned down an embankment. Although fully belted and wearing seat belts, our client was severely and permanently injured as a result of the accident.

Our client sued the vehicle manufacturer for failure to equip the vehicle with its version of an electronic stability control, or ESC, and for failing to give any warning that the vehicle doesn't have ESC, or not

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The Civil Jury Trial: The Anchor of Liberty

Thomas Jefferson, our nation's second president, once wrote our Constitution, called the rights jury trial "the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the purposes of its institution."

For William Blackstone, writing about our Common Law, called the jury trial the "crucifixion of English liberty." Our founding fathers viewed the right to jury trial. It was one of the ways their quest to reach someplace beyond laws, including those that dealt with freedom and justice. In many ways, it allowed the colonists to burn the power of the English King and paved the way for the Revolution and U.S. independence.

Mr. Blackstone's usage of history, it seems, often that the right to jury trial under attack. Corporations use their vast PR budgets to attack it and to isolate those who make the right to jury trial work: judges, lawyers, and jurors. There is one alternative: those who know the about the evidence in the case.

The lawyers are regularly engaged out for various attacks and smearing games—all designed to diminish the right to jury trial. Why? To weaken it, of course. Because it is the only way the average citizen can get justice from a multibillion-dollar corporation. It is the only way justice is related out to those corporations, whose lobbyists and attorneys can get Congress.

Jury verdicts, in the final of one, are why corporations make many of the safety improvements in their products. GM and Tesla, both subject to massive recalls, know that the jury will find and award justice, even if the government does not. The jury, limited only by facts and the desire for the truth, can impose state verdicts far larger than statutory fines, which the largest corporations often can pay out of pocket.

Because of jury verdicts in the final of one, we have safer products and more safety features, safer roads and programs, better safety warnings, driver and health-food supplies. There is a reason because for many corporations or powerful interest that will not act, and harm someone, there is a copy of average American somewhere that will say, "We're going to sue! That's scary and stupid. And you are going to pay for the harm you caused."

They're so sure. And those like you. We're here for you for your services, and for the justice you give. 

