

Featured Case:

Mazda Seatback Failure Case Settled

The Cooper Firm recently settled a case with Mazda for a seatback failure involving a 2004 Mazda 6. The client's daughter, a six-year old belted passenger, was seated behind the driver when their vehicle was rear-ended. The driver's seatback failed and fell onto the child. The driver's head struck the child's head and she was fatally injured. The driver and other passengers of the Mazda 6 walked away with minor injuries. We were able to prove the design of the seat caused the fatal injury and our clients settled for a confidential amount.

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Jeep Grand Cherokee Tops Quarterly Vehicle Safety Watch List for 2nd Time

The Safety Institute released their Quarterly Vehicle Safety Watch List this month, and the Jeep Grand Cherokee again took the top two spots. Plagued with powertrain issues, Jeep Grand Cherokees have held the #1 and #2 positions since November 2016. The Safety Institute monitors NHTSA investigations and recalls to let the public know what vehicles have the most concerning safety issues.

The powertrain problem with the Jeep Grand Cherokees correlates to the 2016 Fiat Chrysler recall of vehicles equipped with a 'mono-stable gear selector.' This gear shift created great confusion with drivers who exited their vehicles thinking they were in the PARK position, only to have

"...actor Anton Yelchin who was struck and killed in his driveway by his 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee..."

the vehicle roll away, colliding with objects and people. Fiat Chrysler attempted to better educate the drivers on the new gear shift when they were investigated in 2015. After nearly 300 consumers reported roll-away incidents, including the high profile death of actor Anton Yelchin, who was struck and killed in his driveway by his 2015



Jeep Grand Cherokees, Fiat Chrysler initiated a recall of over 800,000 vehicles equipped with this specific gear shifter. In addition to the 2014-2015 Jeep Grand Cherokees, the recall included 2012-2014 Chrysler 300s (#3 on Watch List) and 2012-2014 Dodge Chargers.

GM's Chevy Cobalt is a regular on this list for electrical problems stemming from faulty ignition switches discovered by the investigative work of The Cooper Firm. The 2009 Toyota Camry also remains on this quarter's list for its unintended acceleration and speed control issues.

Visit The Safety Institute's informational website at www.thesafetyinstitute.org to view the complete list for this and previous years. ♦

Tip: How to Report an Unsafe Product



Reporting an unsafe product is very important. The U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission compiles these reports and uses them when investigating whether a product should be recalled. In those instances, your experience is often not uncommon and might eventually be traced back to a manufacturer's negligence. Without detailed accounts from the injured consumers, it is very difficult to prove an incident happened as a result of the product and not the consumer.

It starts with an injury. Maybe you were preparing dinner and your kitchen oven caught on fire and burned your hands. Or perhaps you set up a safety gate at the top of the stairs only to hear your child tumbling down the stairs after the gate failed. All of these are accidents that, at first, might have seemed like it was your fault. After investigating the reports filed by the CPSC, the manufacturers of these products were found to be at fault and recalls for the unsafe products were initiated. These recalls would not have happened without the reports from the injured.


So, how do you report an unsafe product? It's simple. Visit www.saferproducts.gov. From there, follow the prompts to "Report an Unsafe Product". It will ask for as much detail as possible. And remember, the injury does not need to be severe or catastrophic to be reported.

If you believe an injury occurred that wasn't your fault, file a report. Afterwards, contact us to see how we can help. ♦

Have You Seen Our Video Blog?

Last summer, we began the process of adding videos to our website, our blog, and our social media sites. We are thrilled with the final products. On our website, you will find videos of Lance and Drew answering frequently asked questions from our clients. These short videos will provide a better understanding of the expertise we provide as Product Liability and Wrongful Death attorneys. They also help clients understand what to do after a crash, how to report an unsafe product, or how to find out if their car has a recall. We hope you will take a moment to check them out on our blog or YouTube channel.

We also completed a new testimonial video for our clients and friend, Leah Giammarva. You may remember her case from a previous newsletter. Several years ago, she was badly injured in a car accident and is partially paralyzed. We were able to prove the car she was riding in was not equipped with the proper safety device needed to prevent this type of accident. We encourage you to hear her story. ♦

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What happens if I'm injured at work?

Some people know that if you're injured at work, you're only legal recourse is through the workers' compensation system. You're not going to be able to file a traditional private lawsuit against your employer. As a result, most people think that when you're injured at work, the workers' compensation system is the end of the road.

That is not true.

If you're injured by a piece of equipment, or if you're injured by a piece of machinery at work, you should go through the traditional workers' compensation system. But you should also have it evaluated by a product liability lawyer.

If the product is what caused your injury, if the machinery or equipment is what caused your injury, then a product liability lawyer can hold the manufacturer of the equipment accountable for your injuries and make sure you receive full justice.

If you've been injured by a piece of machinery or equipment at work, contact us today.

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Super Lawyers' NEW Rising Star



Drew Ashby

In February, Thomson Reuters announced their annual Super Lawyers ratings. Super Lawyers rates the level of service provided by outstanding lawyers as noted by peer recommendations and professional achievement.

Lance Cooper has received the distinct honor of the Super Lawyer badge for 12 years (2005-2017).

This year, we are excited to announce that our own Drew Ashby has been recognized as a Super Lawyers Rising Star!

Drew was named one of seven Rising Stars in the Personal Injury Products: Plaintiff category and he couldn't be more deserving of this honor. ♦

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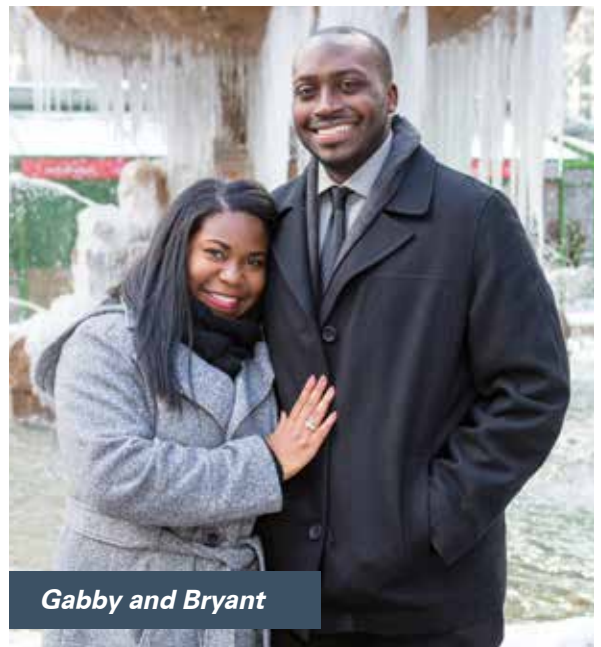
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Congratulations Gabby Peterson!

Please join us in wishing a heartfelt congratulations to Gabby Peterson on her recent engagement. Gabby has been an important part of The Cooper Firm team for 3 years. Gabby, we are so excited for you and Bryant to begin this new journey. ♦



Gabby and Bryant



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“Lance Cooper is one of the best product liability lawyers in the country. He is totally dedicated to seeing that his clients receive complete justice. I have worked with Lance on cases and can attest to his ability, dedication, competence and work ethic. Lance puts the interest of his clients first and foremost and that is very important.”

— Jere L. Beasley : Principal & Founder, Beasley Allen Law Firm