



ATTORNEY

# MATTHEW WRIGHT

“I work to help those suffering **begin to heal**. I walk alongside my clients in their journey to justice and help them **reclaim what was taken** in **meaningful, measurable** ways.”

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Proven track record of **multi-million dollar** recoveries against some of the country’s largest trucking companies

**Among the first 10 lawyers** in the country to become a Board Certified Specialist in Truck Accident Law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (2019)

**In the 1% of US lawyers** who belong to the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum®

**Executive Officer**, American Association for Justice Trucking Litigation Group

Member of The National Trial Lawyers, **Top Ten Trucking Trial Lawyers** (2017- Present)

**19 years of experience** in trucking law, personal injury, and wrongful death litigation

Recipient of American Association for Justice’s, Trucking Litigation Group, Chairwoman’s **Award for Distinguished Service** (2019, 2020)

**Nationwide speaker**, presenter, host, moderator, published author and attorney trainer on truck law and trial tactics

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## CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified Truck Accident Litigation, National Board of Trial Advocacy (2019)

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Tennessee Supreme Court  
Tennessee State Courts (All)  
Federal District Courts

- Western District of Tennessee
- Eastern District of Tennessee
- Middle District of Tennessee
- Northern District of Ohio

Prior Pro Hac Vice Admission in California, Texas, Ohio, Kentucky, Southern District of New York, Western District of Kentucky, and Southern District of Florida

## EMPLOYMENT

Managing Partner <i>The Law Firm for Truck Safety, LLP</i>	2021-Present
Managing Member <i>Wright Law, PLC</i>	2016-2021
Attorney in private practice (Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, and Truck Accident cases)	2003-2016

## EDUCATION

GRADUATE  
*Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers*

JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.)  
*Vanderbilt University Law School*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE (B.A.)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

American Association for Justice, Trucking Litigation Group  
Chairwoman's Award for Distinguished Service (2019, 2020)

Rated 10/10 "Superb" and Top Truck Accident attorneys by avvo.com  
(2014 – Present)

Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum (2016–Present)

National Trial Lawyers, Top 10 Trucking Lawyers (2017–Present)

## FEATURED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

*"Potential Claims in Trucking Cases,"* American Association for  
Justice, Trial Advocacy College (November 2022)

*"When \$1 Million Isn't Enough: Establishing Liability against  
Amazon,"* Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, 2022 Annual  
Symposium (October 2022)

*"The Changing Landscape of Trucking Cases,"* Oklahoma Association  
for Justice, Trucking Litigation Intensive (September 2022)

*"Choosing the Right Venue in a Trucking Case,"* American Association  
for Justice, Jazz Fest (May 2022)

*"Identifying Proper Parties and Hidden Parties,"* New Jersey  
Association for Justice, Boardwalk Seminar (April 2022)

*"Amazon Cases: The New Frontier,"* Minnesota Association of Justice,  
Handling the Truck Crash Case Seminar (April 2022)

*"Direct Liability: The New Defense MSJ,"* Tennessee Trial Association,  
Trucking Seminar (March 2022)

*"Broker/Shipper Liability,"* Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys,  
Annual Symposium (September 2021)

*"Motor Carrier Duties to Train Truck Drivers and Failure to  
Supervise,"* American Association for Justice, Trucking Litigation  
Group (July 2021)

*“The First 48: The Things You Must Do to Make Your Case,”* Ohio Association for Justice, Trucking Litigation Group (June 2021)

*“The Hidden Motor Carrier Case,”* Minnesota Association for Justice (October 2020)

*“Hidden Motor Carrier (Agency),”* Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys, 2020 Symposium (September 2020)

*“Choosing the Right Venue in a Trucking Case,”* American Association for Justice, Jazz Fest (April 2020)

*“Using Telematics to Prove Negligence,”* American Association for Justice, Trucking Litigation Webinar (2020)

*“The Future of Litigation: Technology Systems and the Market – Driven Standard,”* American Association for Justice Trucking Litigation Group Members Only, *Chair, Moderator and Speaker* (December 2019)

*“Deposing Responsible Third Parties,”* American Association for Justice, Specialized Depositions College – Trucking *Faculty and Presenter* (October 2019)

*“Construction Zone Crashes,”* Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys 2019 Symposium (September 2019)

*“Proving System Failures – A Primer on Rules and Evidence,”* National Webinar (August 2019)

*“Defendants Other than the Motor Carrier,”* American Association for Justice Annual Convention Trucking/Bus Litigation Group (July 2019)

*“Settling the Truck Case,”* New Jersey Association for Justice Boardwalk Seminar (May 2019)

*“Traumatic Sleep Deprivation: Always Present, Always Ignored to Prove Economic Disability for Life Care Plans,”* 360 Advocacy (April 2019)

*“Arguing Driver Fatigue in Trucking and Auto Accidents,”* Strafford National Webinar (March 2019)

*“Proving Sleep-Deficit Damages,”* American Association for Justice Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group Members Only (December 2018)

*“Using Internal Policies to Prove Aggravated Damages,”* American Association for Justice Trucking Litigation Group Members Only (November 2018)

*“Understanding HOS – ELD,”* American Association for Justice Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys Symposium (September 2018)

*“Finding Additional Coverage Right Under Your Nose,”* New Jersey Association for Justice (May 2018)

*“Tenacity Required – Get What You Need in Discovery in the Big Truck Case,”* Kentucky Justice Association (May 2018)

*“Hidden Motor Carriers in the Supply Chain – The New Fraud,”* American Association for Justice, Winter Convention Specialized Track on Transportation Safety (February 2018)

*“Finding Additional Liability in Brokers and Shippers,”* Trial Lawyer Nation Podcast (2018)

<https://triallawyernation.com/episode/07-matthew-wright/>

*“Hidden Motor Carriers: The New Public Sham,”* Ohio Association for Justice, Trucking Litigation Group (September 2017)

*“Motor Carrier Claims for Negligent Entrustment, Hiring, and Retention,”* Stafford National Webinar (August 2017)

*“Suing the Insurance Company Directly – Yes You Can!”* American Association for Justice, Interstate Trucking Litigation Group (November 2016)

*“Case Themes and Demonstrative Evidence in Trucking Cases,”* American Association for Justice, Interstate Trucking Litigation Group (2014)

## PUBLICATIONS

*Hidden Motor Carrier (Agency)*, Chapter in *Litigating Truck Accident Cases*, 2020-2021 Edition by Michael Jay Leizerman & Rena Leizerman, AAJ Press – Thomson Reuters (2021)

*The ELD Mandate: An Imperfect Solution to Rampant Danger*, AAJ Interstate Trucking Litigation Journal (Winter/Spring 2018)

*Hidden Motor Carriers in the Supply Chain – The New Fraud*,

AAJ Interstate Trucking Litigation Journal (Winter/Spring 2018)

*Left-Hand Turn Cases,*

AAJ Interstate Trucking Litigation Journal (Fall 2014)

*Defeating the Ostrich Defense in Premises Liability Cases,*

Tennessee Trial Lawyer (2009)

*Securities Action,* Tennessee Trial Lawyer (2005)

*Admissibility of Expert Testimony,* National Business Institute (2004)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys

- Board of Regents
- Co-Chair, Amicus Curiae Committee (2019-2020)

Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association

- Member (2005–Present)
- Member of Circle of Advocates
- Ethics Committee (2009–2010)

American Association for Justice Trucking Litigation Group

- Executive Officer/Treasurer (2020–Present)
- Education Chair (2019–2020)
- Membership Chair (2018–2019)
- Broker Committee (2018–Present)
- Journal Co-Chair (2014–2015), Chair (2017–2018)
- Member of Executive Board (2014–2015, 2017–2018)
- Trucking Litigation College Faculty Member (2018)

Tennessee Bar Association

Federal Bar Association, Nashville Chapter

Christian Trial Lawyers Association

## PERSONAL

Member of Brentwood Baptist Church

Married with four children

Hobbies: travel, art, museums, reading, and learning