

North Carolina Car Accident Attorney Offers Book to Help Wreck Victims Avoid Mistakes

Taking the wrong steps after an auto collision can end up costing victims their right to be fully compensated for their injuries and losses, says Ken Hardison of Raleigh's Hardison & Cochran, Attorneys at Law

Raleigh, N.C. (<u>PRWEB</u>) December 16, 2011 -- Ken Hardison knows how easy it is for people to make mistakes after a car wreck that end up costing them compensation for their injuries and losses. That's why the <u>North Carolina car accident attorney</u> is now offering a book to help victims avoid those mistakes.

"Immediately after an accident, shock and confusion can make anyone forget to use their common sense," said Hardison, the founder of the North Carolina personal injury law firm, Hardison & Cochran, Attorneys at Law.

"But there are certain steps you absolutely must take, beginning the instant after the accident. If you miss that opportunity, you will never have a chance to completely correct your mistake."

The book, "Seven Fatal Mistakes Victims of Accidents Make in North Carolina," can be requested online at the firm's website. It is available for free to North Carolina residents. The firm will mail out the book within 48 hours of the order.

Since he began practicing law in 1982, Hardison has represented thousands of accident and injury clients throughout North Carolina and compiled a record of securing substantial awards in personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits.

The 54-page book reflects the lessons he has learned from his experience as a North Carolina auto accident attorney, Hardison said. It is written in plain language, with legal concepts broken down into easy-to-understand terms.

"Our law firm wanted this book to serve as a practical guide," he said. "Although it primarily covers North Carolina auto collisions, many of the same principles can be applied to other types of accidents and injuries, such as those involving slip-and-falls, defective products, work accidents or dog bites."

In the book, Hardison warns accident victims to avoid:

- 1. Not taking immediate action after the accident.
- 2. Not documenting everything.
- 3. Not seeing your doctor.
- 4. Doing anything with an insurance company without first getting legal advice.
- 5. Not hiring a lawyer or hiring the wrong lawyer.
- 6. Not being honest with your lawyer.
- 7. Exaggerating your injuries.

A theme throughout the book is that accident victims need to deal carefully with insurance companies, whether it's the victim's own insurer or the company representing the at-fault party.



"The reality is that insurance companies will try to get you to minimize the nature and extent of your injury, get you to accept full or partial responsibility for the accident when it really wasn't your fault or tell you how difficult it would be for you to win your case in court," Hardison said. "This book can help you identify some of these tricks and show you how to stay clear of them.

"But I don't think North Carolina car accident victims should rely on this book alone or try to go it alone," he added. "It's important to seek the advice and representation of an experienced attorney who will fight hard to make sure that you and your family receive the compensation you need and deserve."

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