

## **Austin Car Accident Lawyer Calls for Increasing Efforts to Reduce Speeding in Texas**

*Attorney Bob Richardson of the Bob Richardson Law Firm cites a recent report showing that speeding has caused a third of all motor vehicle fatalities over the last 30 years.*

Austin, Texas ([PRWEB](#)) April 21, 2012 -- In light of a recent national study, [Austin car accident lawyer](#) Bob Richardson today called for increased law enforcement measures to curb speeding on Texas roads.

The study, released by the [Governors Highway Safety Association \(GHSA\)](#), found that the number of traffic deaths attributed to excessive speed has remained steady for 30 years despite progress in nearly every other area of highway safety.

“Apparently, the law itself is not enough to deter people from driving at excessive speeds on our highways,” said Richardson, founder of the Bob Richardson Law Firm.

The [Austin personal injury firm](#) represents [car accident](#) victims in Austin, Waco and surrounding areas.

“Law enforcement organizations must do more to curb this type of reckless driving behavior,” Richardson said.

More than 10,000 people died in motor vehicle accidents blamed on speeding last year in the U.S., the GHSA study said. While speeding deaths remain high, there has been significant progress in reducing fatalities attributed to lack of seat belts and alcohol-impaired driving fatalities.

Seventy-eight percent of respondents to a GHSA survey cited “public indifference to speeding,” as an obstacle to addressing the problem of speeding motorists. Sixty-one percent selected “public perception that speed enforcement is just a revenue generator,” while 43 percent of respondents cited “lack of federal funding for enforcement.”

Meanwhile, seven states, including Texas, have increased speed limits “despite research showing that an increase in traffic deaths was attributable to raised speed limits on all road types after the 1995 repeal of federal speed limits,” the GHSA said.

Texas began to allow maximum speeds of 85 mph, the highest in the country, on certain stretches of interstate highway in 2011. The state also eliminated nighttime reductions in speed limits and slower speed limits for commercial trucks.

The GHSA recommends that states consider increasing enforcement efforts to stop “aggressive driving” because “the public considers aggressive driving a more serious threat to safety.” The study also calls for stronger enforcement of speeding in school and work zones, which it says has a higher degree of public support.

Richardson, whose firm investigates motor vehicle accidents from its offices in Austin and Waco as part of personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits, said law enforcement plays a key role.

“Speeding, making dangerous passes or turns and running red lights or stop signs is aggressive and reckless

driving, and it is potentially deadly,” he said. “All those involved in law enforcement should step up efforts to see this kind of activity reduced.”

The [Texas motor vehicle accident attorney](#) said the Bob Richardson Law Firm will continue to support those hurt in crashes caused by reckless drivers.

“People hurt in car accidents deserve to be compensated for medical expenses, damage to their cars, loss of work and pain and suffering,” he said. “We will continue to advocate for the victims of speeding drivers and aggressive drivers.”

#### About The Bob Richardson Law Firm

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