



Distracted Teens Behind the Wheel are Deadly Combination

Automobile accidents are the leading cause of deaths for teens in the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Federal estimates suggest that distraction contributes to 16% of all fatal crashes, leading to around 5,000 deaths every year. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety Culture Index recently published a study which showed that teen drivers were distracted almost a quarter of the time they were behind the wheel. Electronic devices, such as texting, emails, and downloading music, were among the biggest distractions.



Fortunately, there are ways to prevent the severity of these accidents. Of the teens (aged 13-19) who died in passenger vehicle crashes approximately 55% were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. Research shows that seat belts reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about half. It is also important for the parents to provide at least 30 to 50 hours of supervised driving practice over at least six months. Practice on a variety of roads, at different times of day, and in varied weather and traffic conditions will help an inexperienced driver. Stress the importance of continually scanning for potential hazards including other vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Most importantly, don't allow activities that may take your teen's attention away from driving, such as talking on a cell phone, texting, eating, or playing with the radio.

In the unfortunate event that you or someone you know is injured in an automobile accident due to the fault of another, our attorneys are available to guide you through this difficult process. The aftermath of a car accident may be financially stressful as well as physically painful. You may be dealing with insurance companies while worrying about paying medical bills or getting back to work. Cecere Santana is comprised of accident attorneys who have significant experience helping injured victims. Call us and we will help you obtain the compensation you deserve.

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Attorney Laura Callava joins Cecere Santana

Laura Callava, a graduate from the University of Miami School of Law, has joined Cecere Santana as an associate attorney. Ms. Callava joins the legal team handling cases relating to personal injury, automobile accidents, Workers' Compensation and PIP.

Throughout her time at the University of Miami, Ms. Callava was an active member of Miami Law Women, the Hispanic Law Student Association, and Miami Law Ambassadors. She also helped organize and participate in Miami Law's Dean's Cup competition. In her third year of law school, she was selected to participate in the international Law Without Walls program and since graduation has continued to be involved in the program as a mentor.

Prior to law school, Ms. Callava earned her undergraduate degree in International Studies from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. At Emory, Callava was a student-athlete as a member of the tennis team and was a representative in the NCAA's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. During her final season, she was named to the All-Academic Team by the University Athletic Association and was recognized by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association as a Scholar Athlete.

Currently Ms. Callava is a member of the Cuban American Bar Association, the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Dade County Bar Association and The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division.





Attorney Erick Santana Named to Board of Directors of the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association

Attorney Erick Santana was recently named to the Board of Directors of the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association. Under this new role, Mr. Santana will work with the rest of the board and the Association's leadership to expand diversity in the legal profession and to provide financial assistance to deserving Hispanic law students.

Cecere Santana awarded Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating

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