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Newsletter
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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

**Cecere Santana Wraps up 2018 Saying
Thank You and Lending a Hand**

The team at Cecere Santana, PA would like to take this opportunity to thank our clients for trusting us with their legal needs. This year we were able to obtain substantial settlements for clients that have been injured in serious accidents. We were also able to help homeowners who were still fighting with their insurance company to have their Hurricane Irma claims settled. In many cases, our clients had received little to no compensation for their damages and our team was able to obtain the money they were owed to fix their properties and get them back on their feet.

During this time of year, we also like to take time to help those in need. In November, our attorneys and employees joined forces for a food drive for Feeding South Florida where we collected hundreds of pounds of food for families in need of help during the Thanksgiving holiday. In December, we collected toys for children being helped by The Pantry of Broward.

As always, thank you to our clients for placing your trust in us. It is our continued commitment to offer all of you the best legal advice and the best customer service. *Best wishes for a safe and joyous 2019!*

Michael Cecere & Erick Santana

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Michael Cecere Receives Top Verdict Recognition by Daily Business Review



Congratulations to attorney Michael Cecere who was recognized by the Daily Business Review for obtaining the seventh highest motor vehicle jury verdict in Florida for 2017. The verdict of \$9.4 million was a result of a case involving a motorcycle collision with brain injuries. The Daily Business Review is a leading Florida publication that focuses on law, real estate and finance.

These are just some of the clients Cecere Santana helped this year:

Accidents & Personal Injury Claims

\$2.25 million – Injuries from motorcycle accident

\$875,000 – Neck, back and head injuries to a passenger on a city bus

\$300,000 - Burns to body due to a hot oil spill

Homeowners & Property Insurance Claims

\$175,000 – Condominium hurricane claim, results after insurance carrier determined all damages were below the deductible and offered \$0 in settlement.

\$99,000 - Broken drain line claim, insurance carrier denied claim originally

\$95,000 - Hurricane claim after insurance company initial estimate was \$6,800

\$95,000 - Hurricane claim where the initial insurance estimate was \$10,397



Bicycle Accidents Are a Growing Problem in South Florida



Florida has a reputation for having some of the worst drivers in the country. Indeed, according to a recent study there are almost 15 traffic fatalities per 100,000 people in the state. Approximately 3,200 people lost their lives as a result of Florida traffic accidents in 2016.

While these figures represent all types of traffic accidents, the victims of fatal bicycle accidents represent a sizable portion of those killed each year. It is estimated that by year's end there will have been a total of 130 people killed in Florida by bicycle accidents this year alone. Many of these fatalities are caused by drivers who are distracted by some other activity or otherwise not paying attention while driving.

According to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, there were almost 50,000 crashes involving distracted driving in Florida, in 2016, which is more than five crashes every hour. These distracted driving crashes accounted for more than 3,500 serious injuries and 233 deaths. The most common cause of distracted driving accidents was general inattentiveness, followed by other distractions inside the vehicle. Surprisingly, cell phone use and texting were low on the list of causes; however, that may be due to motorists not wanting to admit that they were on the phone at the time of the accident.

At Cecere Santana, PA we have experience representing clients and their families that have been injured or killed in a bicycle accident. When representing these clients, our attorneys do a comprehensive and detailed investigation to determine the factors that caused the accident. Our team not only analyzes the behavior of the driver at fault, but also the surrounding area and any other factors that may have contributed to the incident.

If you or someone you know has been injured in a bicycle accident, please contact our office to go over your case. There are no fees or costs until we win your case.