

New York Personal Injury Lawyer Probes Cause of Bronx Bus Accident that Killed 15

Investigators and New York personal injury lawyer David Perecman seek the reason for the tragic casino bus crash on Saturday.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – Fifteen people died in a tragic [New York bus accident](#) on the New England Thruway in the Bronx. On Saturday, a tour bus returning from a casino overturned, struck a support pole for a large sign and was sliced in half at the passenger seat level. The bus roof was peeled off from front to back.

According to an official from the New York City Fire Department (FDNY), five people were critically injured in the bus accident, two others suffered serious injuries and 11 suffered minor bus accident injuries. The [bus accident injuries](#) included severe head trauma, skull fractures, rib fractures, internal bleeding, and lung contusions. Investigators and New York personal injury lawyer David Perecman, an [experienced bus accident lawyer](#), are looking for answers.

“If these victims were killed or injured because of the negligence of the bus operator, the company may be liable for their injuries,” said David Perecman, a [New York personal injury lawyer](#) for over 30 years.

Operator error may be the cause of the bus accident. However, this has yet to be determined. State Police and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the cause of the bus accident and interviewing witnesses.

According to Ophadell Williams, the driver who survived, the bus went out of control after a tractor-trailer bumped it. This vehicular impact allegedly caused the bus to swerve off the road.

But the *New York Daily News* reports that investigators doubt the driver’s story. Apparently, a study of the bus’ skid marks and several passenger interviews lead them to believe the driver was falling asleep at the wheel. The interviews revealed that Williams drove onto the highway’s rumble strips three times right before the horrific [New York bus accident](#).

Police are reviewing video footage recovered from a video camera on the bus and investigators are going over what the driver was doing the night before the bus crash. New York investigators interviewed the driver of the tractor-trailer, revealing his side of the story, which is the bus sped past him. The investigators also say there is no evidence the truck hit the bus.

“The lawyer for a bus accident victim should conduct his or her own investigation at the same time an investigation is being conducted by the police, to make sure that the interests of the victim are protected, just in case,” said New York personal injury lawyer David Perecman. “At our firm we do this for our bus accident clients to get them the compensation they deserve.”

According to online documents from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, World Wide Tours, a family owned bus company, has been cited with at least one previous violation for a "fatigued driver." The company has also had two recent bus crashes with injuries, according to the website.

Police may be conducting the [New York bus accident](#) investigation as if it were a criminal matter.

“That would be a revealing fact about this bus accident in New York,” said personal injury lawyer Perecman.

Thirty-one people were on the bus plus a driver.

The [New York personal injury lawyers](#) at The Perecman Firm in New York are experienced at representing individuals injured in bus accidents involving the MTA and other bus companies. Anyone involved in a bus accident, should [contact an experienced New York personal injury lawyer](#) with the skills, expertise and resources to handle a bus accident case.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the personal injury accident, auto accident, construction accident, and medical malpractice lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have championed all types of cases concerning personal injury. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

<http://www.hrw.org/en/reports/2010/12/02/price-freedom>

The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice***.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

** later settled for \$3.5 million

*** total potential payout

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