

National Traffic Law Center: Who We Are and What We Do

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NATIONAL TRAFFIC LAW CENTER



National District Attorneys Association

Formed in 1950, NDAA is the oldest and largest national organization representing state and local prosecutors in the country and is the recognized as the leading source of national expertise on the prosecutor function.

NDAA's mission is to provide state and local prosecutors with the knowledge, skills and support they need to ensure justice is done and that public safety rights are protected.

Services: Training (scholarships available), technical assistance, member benefits

NTLC Mission Statement

To improve the quality of justice in traffic safety adjudications by increasing awareness of highway safety issues through the compilation, creation and dissemination of legal and technical information and by providing training and reference services to prosecutors, judges, law enforcement and others in the criminal justice system.

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Services NTLC Provides

Technical assistance on traffic safety issues and web-based materials

Resource materials: monographs, newsletter, reports

Curriculum development, on-line learning courses and videos

Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors

Statutory compilations

SMEs for ID, CDL and other traffic safety issues: staff and nationwide

Monograph: FMCSA

**Distracted Driving CDL Enforcement
for Prosecutors and Law Enforcement**



Monograph: FMCSA

**Commercial Drivers' Licenses:
A Prosecutor's Guide to the Basics
of Commercial Motor Vehicle
Licensing and Violations**

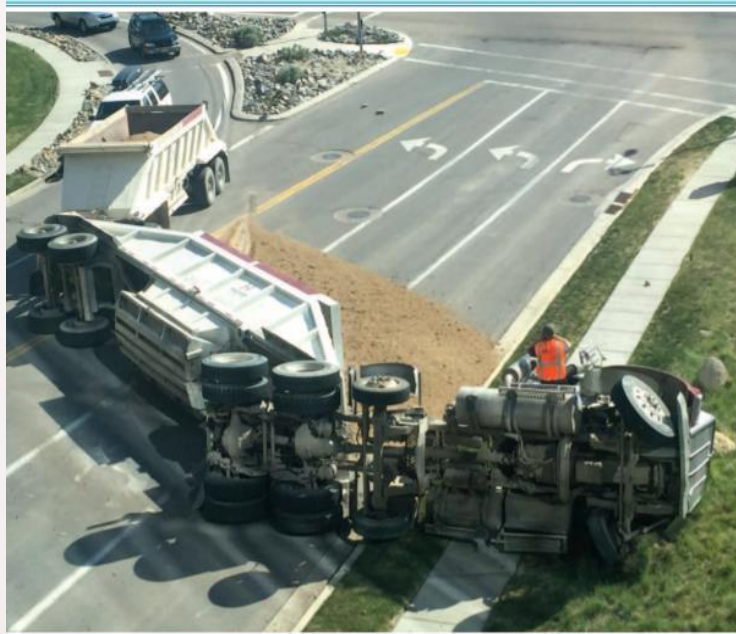


SECOND EDITION




Monograph: FMCSA

Large Truck Crash Reconstruction for Prosecutors



BY PROFESSOR JOHN KWASNOSKI

Between the Lines Newsletter



BETWEEN the LINES

UPCOMING TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

NDAAs is making its National Courses available virtually in light of health and safety concerns over COVID-19. Check out a full list of NDAAs virtual learning sessions at ndaas.org/training/courses/.

NDAAs Mastering Masking Digital Course/ On Demand Training
ndaas.org/training/mastering-masking-2/

NDAAs Human Trafficking and the Impact on Commercial Driver's Licenses/On Demand Training
ndaas.org/training/human-trafficking-and-the-impact-on-commercial-drivers-licenses/

NDAAs Prosecuting DUI Cases Online Course/ On Demand Training
ndaas.org/training/prosecuting-dui-cases/

NDAAs Auto-Theft Nuis and Bolts: Investigating and Prosecuting the Loose Defendant and the Auto Theft Ring
 May 4-5, 2021 @ 11:30 am-4:00 pm (ET)

NDAAs The Hidden Factors of Stalking: Proving your Case with Forensic Analysis
 May 11, 2021 @ 10:0-2:15 pm (ET)


NDAAs Threat Assessment for Prosecutors: Protecting the Community From Dangerous Defendants
 May 18, 2021 @ 2:00-3:00 pm (ET)

RESOURCES

Impaired Driving Resources
ndaas.org/programs/ndi/

CDL-Related Resources
ndaas.org/programs/ndi/commercial-drivers-license/

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In Search of a Vaccine for America's Ongoing Road Safety Epidemic

Uptick in 2020 Traffic Deaths Requires Increased Investment in Proven Countermeasures

By Pam Shadel Fischer, Senior Director of External Engagement, and Russ Martin, Senior Director of Policy and Government Relations, Governors Highway Safety Association

One of the many profound ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted American life is a fundamental shift in how we get around. Despite the drastic changes in travel patterns as millions of people stayed home, causing motor vehicle traffic to drop to historic lows in 2020, the threat of traffic crashes remained high. Last year's 16.5 percent decline in vehicle miles traveled should have translated into fewer deaths and serious injuries on our roads. Unfortunately, the data paint a different picture. Elevated levels of risky driving by some motorists resulted in more deaths per mile driven than in 2019, reaffirming the need for increased national, state and local investment in countermeasures proven to prevent crashes and save lives.

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NDAAs Pandemic Crimes: Investigating & Prosecuting Frauds & Scams During COVID
 March 25, 2021 @ 11:00 am-12:45 pm (ET)

NDAAs Win Win Animal Abuse Prosecution!
 April 5, 2021 @ 10:0-2:30 pm (ET)

NDAAs Bringing the Crime Scene into Court: Presenting the Visual Trial
 April 8, 2021 @ 2:00-3:30 pm (ET)

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Traffic Safety Initiatives: Safer Roadways through CDL and CMV Enforcement

The Important Role of Police Officers

By Romana Lavadas, Senior Attorney, National Traffic Law Center

Holding Commercial Driver's License (CDL) holders accountable for their driving behaviors by properly adjudicating and recording their traffic-related convictions saves lives.

While prosecutors and courts play important roles in the conviction reporting process, it is vital to understand that the process starts at the roadside, and, as such, the role of law enforcement cannot be overstated. After all, for convictions to be properly reported, citations must be issued by a patrol officer, a commercial vehicle enforcement (CVE) officer, or a Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) officer and then properly adjudicated through the court system.

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Human Trafficking and the Impact on Commercial Driver's Licenses



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On-line Course (CLE available): FMCSA

ON-DEMAND LEARNING: MASTERING MASKING DIGITAL COURSE

On Demand Webinar

Federal and most state law prohibits the “Masking” of convictions. Misconceptions continue to persist surrounding this statute’s mandate requiring the reporting of CDL/CMV violations and convictions and prosecutors’ discretion to negotiate these cases.

This online training [course](#), developed by national experts in cooperation with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the National District Attorneys Association’s National Traffic Law Center, and the National Center for State Courts, is for new and practicing prosecutors, as well as other [traffic](#) safety professionals who desire to learn more about the legal and ethical consequences of plea negotiations involving commercial driver’s license (CDL) cases. This **FREE** training course is designed to equip prosecutors with the knowledge, information, and confidence necessary to effectively prosecute CDL and/or large commercial motor vehicle (CMV) cases. The course walks the learner through a first-person simulation of prosecuting the fictional traffic case of a CDL holder. The training uses a case file, interactive exercises, document mock-ups, and avatar voiceovers to bring the course content to life.




On-line Course: FMCSA



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Human Trafficking and the Impact on Commercial Driver's Licenses

 On Demand Webinar

REGISTER TO WATCH NOW

The National Traffic Law Center (NTLC) has created an education tool for prosecutors, law enforcement and other traffic safety professionals titled: "Human Trafficking and the Impact on Commercial Driver's Licenses." This training module is designed to educate about the Federal "No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act" (NHTRA) which was signed into law on January 1, 2018 by President Donald J. Trump. As a result of NHTRA, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced a final rule that imposes a lifetime ban on drivers who are convicted of a severe form of human trafficking in a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) from operating a CMV. This rule was signed into law on July 23, 2019. Under this rule, states have until September 23, 2022 to comply with this mandate. FMCSA allowed a three-year period to permit states sufficient time to seek legislation, update their regulations, and make the appropriate information technology changes to apply the lifetime ban.

Human Trafficking and the Impact on Commercial Driver's Licenses is designed to be presented as a stand-alone training, or an individual module to be added to existing trainings. The [Participant Guide](#) is available for online course attendees to follow along with the webinar. If you are interested in adapting this course for teaching in your own jurisdiction, click the Instructor Guide banner below.

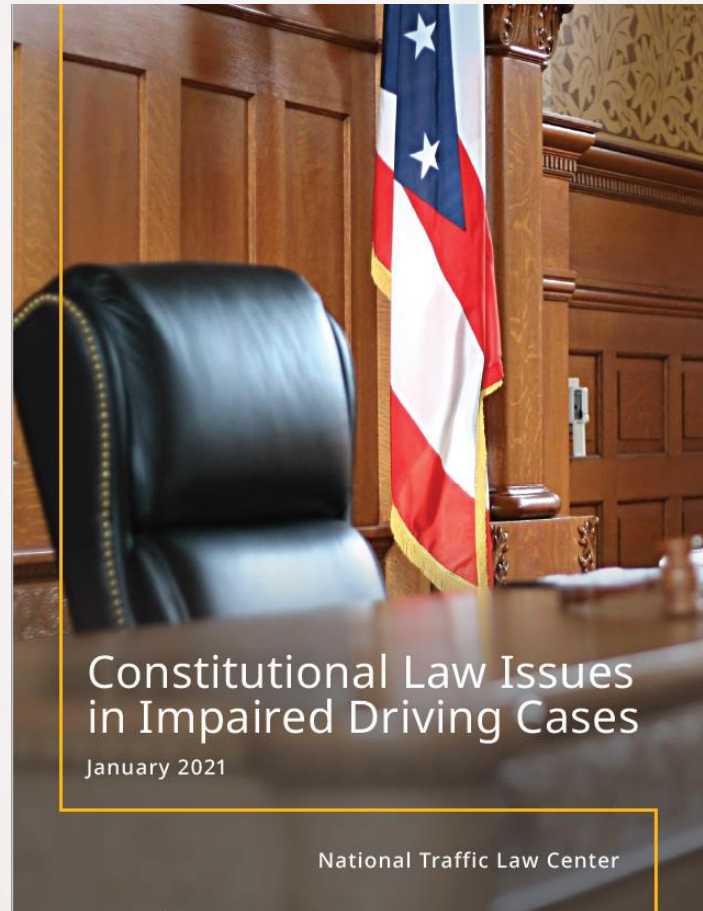
From Roadside to Record Video Series: FMCSA

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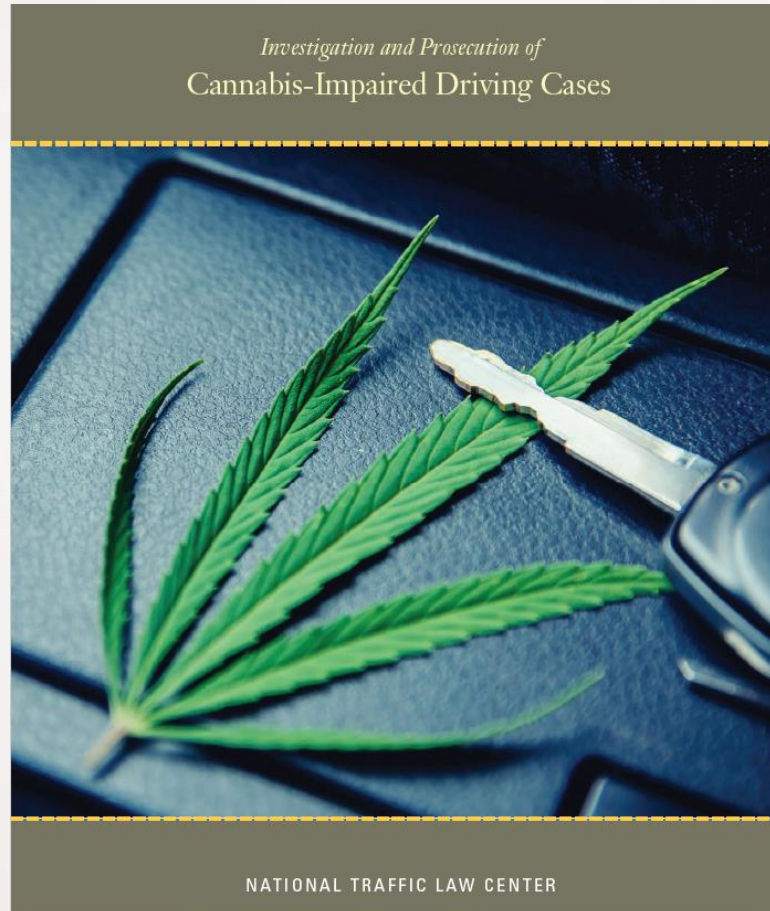
The first in the series involves a fact scenario that follows the stop of a tractor trailer for speeding and continues from personal contact with the CDL holder driver, through proper completion of the citation.

The second video involves a courtroom scene of a prosecutor and several defense attorneys engaged in realistic pretrial negotiations relative to CDL holders and the presentations of the cases to the court.

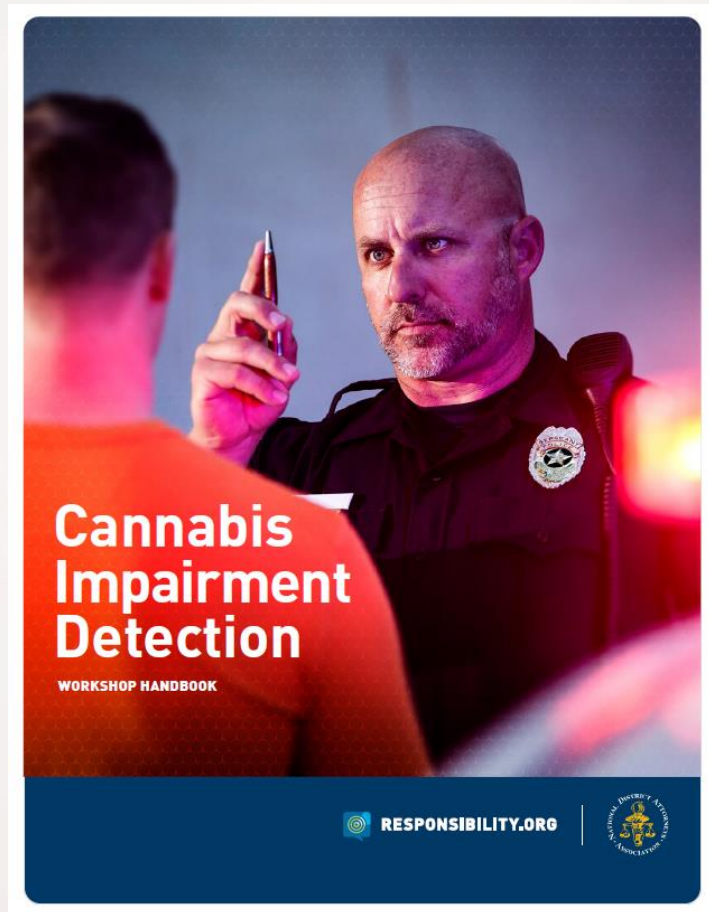
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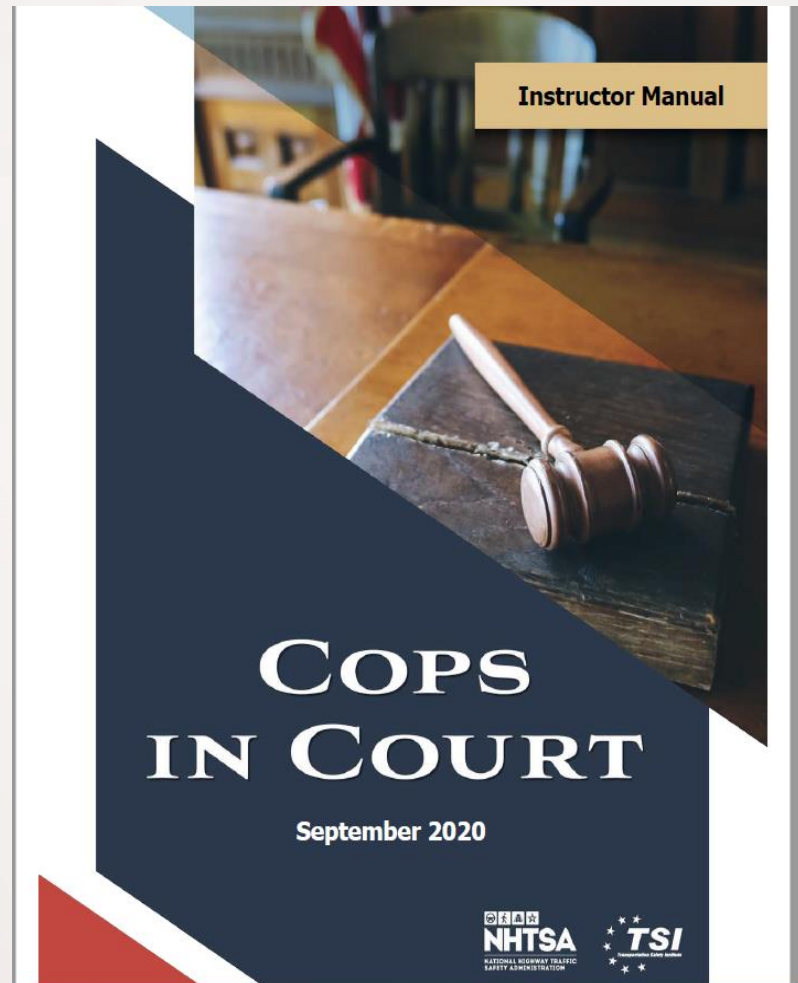
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Curriculum Development: NHTSA



On-line Course (CLE available): FAAR

PROSECUTING DUI CASES

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