



Infrastructure Bill Passed, Implementation Strategy in Works



Last November, Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD), with the help of lawmakers, was able to pass a law through congress mandating the use of impaired driving technology in vehicles produced after 2025. The law now that is passed is expected to prevent over 9,400 deaths annually due to drunk driving. Passing the bill was certainly a victory, but now comes the more time-consuming part - implementing the strategy.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will be spearheading the efforts to create said strategy. The organization has three years to create a rulemaking process and to create a final standard for the safety equipment.

Driving performance monitoring systems, such as lane departure warning and attention assist; systems that evaluate the movement of the driver's head and eyes; and sensors that detect alcohol are all technologies that may be used. After standards are created by the NHTSA, vehicle manufacturers will be given two to three years to implement the new standard. With that being said, it is possible that we could see new vehicles with this technology as soon as 2026-2027.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8/4/23-8/12/23
NBC
WORLD SERIES
WICHITA, KS



8/17/23
HUTCHINSON
3RD THURSDAY
HUTCHINSON, KS

8/18/23
UNCORKED
FOR TECH
HUTCHINSON, KS



8/19/23
GARMIN
KC AIR SHOW
TOPEKA, KS

8/19/23
BACK TO
SCHOOL BASH
WICHITA, KS



Voices of Victims

MADD National President, Tess Rowland, became involved with MADD in 2021 when her life was shattered by the reckless and thoughtless actions of a "wrong-way" alleged drunk driver. It has been over two years since her crash. Watch as Tess shares her story.

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What's going on?

There are many events going on in Kansas this month. From the NBC World Series to non-profit events like Uncorked for TECH, there is always something to keep you busy. View events happening near you by clicking the button below.

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5 Things You need to Know about Accident Claims in Kansas



Navigating the aftermath of a car, truck, or motorcycle accident in Kansas can be a daunting task, leaving you with a multitude of questions and uncertainties. At Bretz Injury Law, we recognize the challenges you face and are dedicated to providing the answers and support you need during this difficult time.

With an impressive track record of over \$300 Million in verdicts and settlements, we stand ready to help you seek justice and obtain fair compensation for your losses. In this blog, we will explore vital aspects of car accident claims, including the significance of gathering evidence, understanding fault and liability, the intricacies of no-fault car insurance, and the importance of knowing when to seek assistance from a personal injury attorney. Empowering you with knowledge and guidance, we aim to ensure that your rights are protected and your journey to recovery is as smooth as possible. Let us be your trusted ally in the pursuit of justice after an accident.

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Matt's Monthly Minute

One of the toughest parts of what I do is when I have to sit down with a client who has lost a spouse or a parent and explain that there just isn't enough insurance to cover all of the medical bills, funeral expenses, lost income, and other financial losses that they have suffered. That after losing their loved one they are also going to lose so much more because there isn't enough insurance and the person who caused the accident has filed bankruptcy.

Having gone through this far too many times over the years led me to start speaking to various groups and individuals about the importance of "Uninsured Motorist" (UM) coverage. Now several times a year I travel across the state and talk to motorcycle clubs, VFWs, American Legion posts, and sometimes even insurance agents about UM. UM coverage kicks in when the person who caused a wreck doesn't have any insurance. In that instance, we can pursue a UM claim against the injured person's own insurance to recover medical bills, lost wages, and other losses. UM coverage also includes "underinsured motorist" (UIM) coverage. This kicks in when the person who was at fault has some insurance, but doesn't have enough insurance to cover all of your losses.

While UM and UIM insurance are in every auto, truck and motorcycle policy in Kansas, often the limits are ridiculously low. So low, in fact, that sometimes UIM coverage is just a fallacy - something that cannot be recovered even though your insurer charged you a premium to have it.

To be proactive and to make sure your family's future is protected, please call for an insurance policy review. It doesn't cost anything to get the review, and it will give you peace of mind that your family will be protected if the unexpected occurs.

Matthew L. Bretz

Community News

Royals to Unveil Future Stadium and Ballpark Site



Over eight months ago, John Sherman, chairman, and CEO of the Kansas City Royals, revealed plans for constructing a new ballpark. In just two more months, the location of the stadium will be disclosed to the Kansas City community and Royals fans across the nation. Read More: tinyurl.com/yw8b6zmt

KBI Forms Task Force to Combat Fentanyl Trafficking



The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) revealed a bolstered initiative aimed at halting fentanyl trafficking in Kansas, known as the Joint Fentanyl Impact Team (JFIT). This collaborative effort involves the Kansas Attorney General's Office, the Kansas Highway Patrol, and Homeland Security Investigations. Read More: tinyurl.com/5cvkzpbR

Free Dentistry Day: Free Dental Services for Wichita Residents



For Free Dentistry Day, Wheatland Family Dental will be offering complimentary professional cleanings, dental fillings, and tooth extractions on Saturday, September 9, at their office located at 1443 N Rock Road. Read More: tinyurl.com/ybj55ew

Birthdays/Anniversaries



Matt Bretz

Help us celebrate our attorney, Matt Bretz's birthday! Matt's birthday lands on the 13th of this month, so make sure to wish him a happy birthday if you see him!



Lauren Raigoza

This is a special month for Lauren as we get to celebrate both her birthday and work anniversary. Her birthday is on August 6th and she has been with Bretz Injury Law for 9 years!



Rachel Green

If you haven't had the chance to meet Rachel, our bookkeeper, you're missing out! Rachel's birthday is on the 21st this month. Happy birthday, Rachel!



Amy Sones

Our receptionist, Amy, has a birthday on August 27th. Amy is always doing her best to help our clients and is the friendly face when you walk in the door. Make sure to tell her happy birthday if you stop by!

Giveaway Winners



Summer Sweets Giveaway

Winner: Deborah Walker

Deborah won \$25 gift cards to SugarTime Confections, Holly's Sweet Treats, Daylight Donuts, and Smith's Market. Milkshake maker, mini donut maker, and mini cake pop maker.



Wichita Summer Fun Giveaway

Winner: Ron Hickers

Ron won a \$100 Top Golf gift card, a \$100 Dave and Buster's gift card, a \$50 Chicken & Pickle gift card, a \$50 Bowlero gift card, and a \$50 gift card to The Arcade Wichita.



Interior Detail and Gas Giveaway

Winner: Anna G Tharp

Anna won an interior detail gift certificate to Fuel Motors, Hutchinson, a \$50 gift card to Dillon's Mid Center, and a Chemical Guys wash and shine bucket.

Giveaways are posted Mondays on the Bretz Injury Law Facebook page. Visit www.facebook.com/bretzinjurylaw to enter for your chance to win!

Summer Cup Mocktail

Ingredients:

- Cucumbers
- Mint Sprigs
- Frozen Berries
- Sparkling Lemonade
- Ice

Steps:

Chop the cucumber and mint sprig into small pieces. Bring 200ml water to the boil in a small pan and then add the mint and cucumber. Turn off the heat and leave for 2 minutes.

Add a small handful of frozen berries, let them defrost for a minute, then crush them lightly with the back of a spoon. Strain the mixture. This will keep in the fridge for up to 24 hours and will be enough to make four drinks. Pour 40ml of your strained mixture into a tall glass. Add a handful of ice and top up with 120ml lemonade. Garnish with whatever chopped fruit you like or some more frozen berries and mint leaves if you have them. Stir gently to combine. For more refreshing summer drink recipes, visit: www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/non-alcoholic-summer-drinks-recipes

