

## **\$800,000 Settlement for Family Injured in 18-Wheeler Crash on I-24 Near Nashville**

### **How Swift Action and Critical Evidence Turned a Catastrophic Truck Wreck Into a Strong Case**

When a fully loaded 18-wheeler barrels into stopped traffic, it's like a freight train through glass: sudden, violent, and completely unforgiving. For one out-of-state family traveling through Nashville on Interstate 24, that moment changed everything.

They were sitting in traffic when a semi-truck, traveling over 65 miles per hour, slammed into their vehicle without ever touching the brakes. The [rear-end truck wreck](#) set off a chain reaction involving several cars and multiple injuries. But thanks to swift action, critical evidence collection, and meticulous case-building, [attorney Eric Beasley](#) secured an \$800,000 settlement for the family — nearly 90 percent of the total available funds, despite several other vehicles and injury claims being involved.

### **Investigating a Catastrophic 18-Wheeler Crash**

After the crash, the family returned to their home state to recover. Once home, they contacted the [Law Office of Eric Beasley](#) soon after the wreck, which was a decision that made all the difference in the outcome of their case. Because they reached out early, Eric was able to begin investigating immediately, sending a safety expert to inspect the truck and preserve key evidence before it could be lost.

One of the first steps was securing the black box data, which revealed the shocking truth: the truck driver had never applied the brakes before the collision. Traveling more than 65 mph on a congested interstate, he plowed into the line of stopped cars with full force. That single piece of data transformed the case.

Eric also worked with an investigator to obtain [dashcam footage](#) from the truck itself. Although the camera faced the road rather than the cab, it confirmed what the data suggested — no slowing, no braking, and no attempt to stop before impact.

As Eric later described it, “It was the black box that got them talking, and the dashcam footage that made them want to settle.”

### **Securing Nearly 90 Percent of the Settlement Pool**

The crash involved multiple vehicles and four other injury claims. Yet, despite several competing cases, Eric's clients received close to 90 percent of the total settlement available. That outcome reflected not only the strength of the evidence but also the clarity of the liability.

Because the black box data and dashcam footage left no room for dispute, the trucking company and its insurer were eager to resolve the claim before litigation could expose further issues. The family's medical bills were significant, but proportionally, the recovery was well above that of the other injured parties.

Even without permanent injuries, the family's damages were serious. The impact, medical care, and emotional aftermath took a toll, and the evidence made clear that the truck driver's negligence caused it all.

### **Why Acting Quickly Matters After a Truck Crash**

In Tennessee and across the country, commercial trucking companies move fast after a wreck. Their investigators are often on the scene within hours, collecting data, photographing damage, and preparing their defense. For injury victims, that means time is critical.

By contacting Eric Beasley early, this family ensured critical evidence was preserved before it disappeared. The black box data (technically known as the event data recorder, or EDR) can be overwritten or lost if the vehicle is moved or repaired. Similarly, dashcam footage is often deleted automatically after a short cycle unless it's secured right away.

That fast response gave Eric's team a powerful advantage, one that many victims never get if they wait too long to call an experienced truck accident lawyer.

### **The Role of Black Box and Dashcam Evidence**

Modern commercial trucks are equipped with digital systems that record speed, braking, throttle position, and other key data points in the seconds leading up to a crash. Together with dashcam video, this evidence paints a precise picture of what really happened.

In this case, the black box showed zero brake application and steady throttle right up to the impact. The video backed that up visually, confirming there were no evasive maneuvers or slowing before the collision.

When presented to the defense team, this combination of data and footage left little room for argument. Rather than risk going to trial with such damning evidence, the trucking company's insurer agreed to settle and to allocate the overwhelming share of the available policy funds to Eric's clients.

### **Coordinating Care Across State Lines**

Because the family lived outside Tennessee, Eric's role went beyond investigation and negotiation. He coordinated with medical professionals in their home state to make sure they received the proper care and documentation for their injuries.

Truck accidents often cause multi-state complications, especially when victims are from out of town. Without local connections or legal guidance, families can struggle to find qualified doctors or understand how Tennessee's jurisdiction affects their claim.

Eric guided them through the process, explaining that the lawsuit would need to be filed in Tennessee, where the crash occurred, but that their ongoing treatment could continue near home. This coordination helped the family heal while keeping their case on track.

### **A Structured Settlement That Protects the Future**

One member of the family was a minor at the time of the crash. Rather than rushing the distribution of the settlement, Eric took the extra step of setting up a structured settlement for the child's share, which ensured long-term security and access to funds for future needs, such as college or medical expenses.

Many attorneys don't take the time to structure these types of settlements because they don't increase attorney fees. But for Eric, the goal was never about quick payment; it was about doing right by the client. That approach reflects what his firm stands for: Straight Talk. Hard Work. Real Results.

### **The Power of Early Evidence Preservation**

Most people think winning a truck accident case comes down to proving who caused the crash. In reality, it's about proving what happened before anyone had time to spin the story. Black box downloads, dashcam recordings, and prompt inspections often make or break a case.

Trucking companies and their insurers control the vehicles, maintenance records, and driver logs, and once those are gone, they're gone for good. Acting within days rather than weeks can determine whether a victim walks away with fair compensation or leaves empty-handed.

This case shows how early intervention and attention to detail can tip the scales toward justice.

### **Why Interstate 24 Is One of Tennessee's Most Dangerous Highways**

Anyone who's driven through Nashville knows how unpredictable Interstate 24 can be. Traffic routinely backs up without warning, and commercial trucks often travel at highway speeds even when congestion looms ahead. It's a dangerous mix of speed, weight, and limited visibility.

When an 18-wheeler fails to brake, the result can be catastrophic. In a crash like this, where the semi-truck was traveling over 65 mph when it slammed into the victims' vehicle, survival itself is remarkable.

That's why Eric's clients were, in his words, "miraculously fortunate" not to suffer permanent injuries. Their case is a rare example of a devastating wreck with a recovery that was both physical and financial.

### **A Settlement That Reflects More Than Numbers**

While the \$800,000 settlement represents a strong result, it's not just about the dollar amount. What stands out is the process: the immediate response, the meticulous investigation, and the care given to each family member.

Eric's approach embodies what many families look for after a life-altering crash: someone who listens, acts decisively, and follows through.

His deep Tennessee roots also played a role. Knowing the local interstates, understanding how Nashville traffic flows, and anticipating how trucking companies defend their drivers all helped shape a strategy that worked.

### **Building Trust Through Meaningful Results**

Cases like this are why Eric Beasley continues to earn referrals from other attorneys and past clients alike. Many lawyers would have treated this as a routine multi-car accident. Instead, he recognized the potential strength of the evidence, moved quickly to secure it, and turned a chaotic crash into a clear, provable case.

That persistence and the willingness to go the extra mile for out-of-state clients define how his firm operates. It's also why other lawyers across Tennessee continue to refer complex injury cases to him.

### **Straight Talk. Hard Work. Real Results.**

A crash involving an 18-wheeler can turn your world upside down in seconds. The aftermath can be confusing and overwhelming, especially when multiple vehicles and insurance companies are involved.

At the Law Office of Eric Beasley, every case gets the personal attention it deserves. Eric personally reviews evidence, coordinates with investigators, and builds a strategy designed to maximize recovery — not just financially, but for your peace of mind and future stability.

If you or your family were injured in a truck accident in Nashville or anywhere in Middle Tennessee, we're ready to help you understand your rights and explore your potential options for recovery.

[Contact us today](#) for a free consultation with a Nashville truck accident lawyer who treats your case as if it were his own.