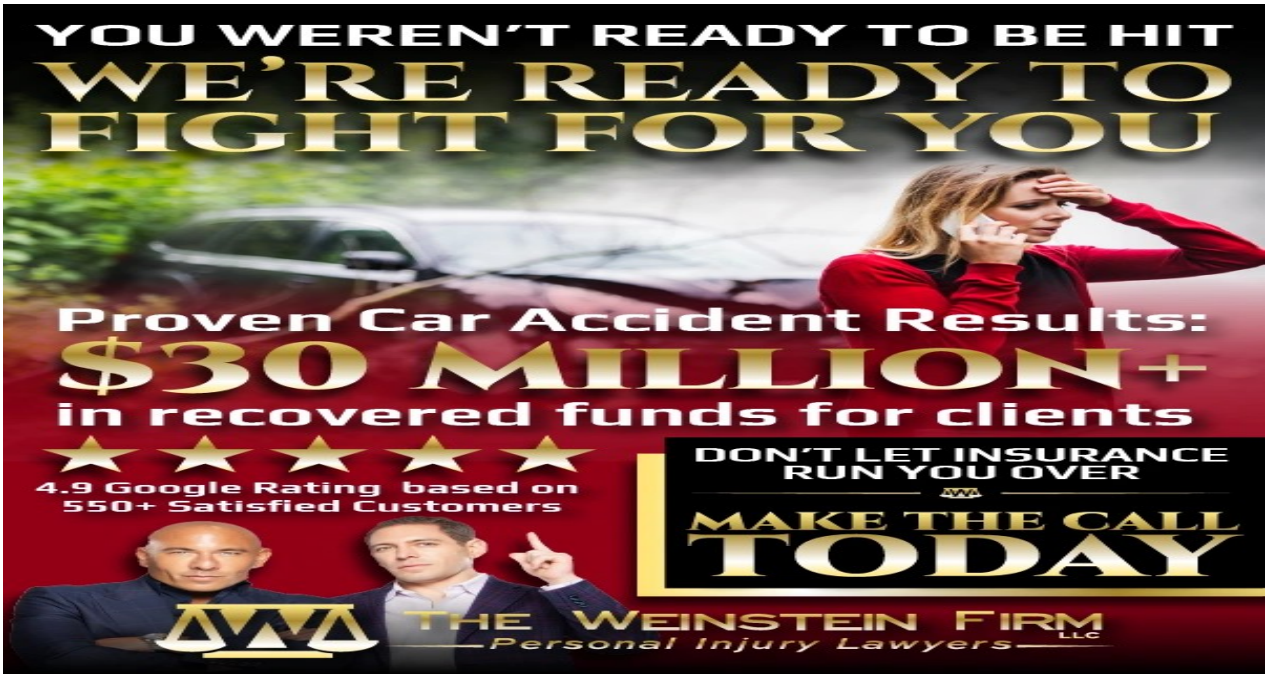


# Weinstein Firm Issues Atlanta Car Accident Advisory

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Atlanta, Georgia - August 11, 2026 -
The Weinstein Firm has issued a summer 2026 car accident advisory for Atlanta and Metro Atlanta drivers following a series of fatal crashes on Interstate 285, the perimeter highway that has generated serious injury claims across Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, and Clayton counties.

The advisory references a fatal two-vehicle crash on I-285 eastbound near the New Northside Drive bridge in Sandy Springs, which occurred at approximately 3:22 a.m. in July 2026. One driver died from the injuries sustained, and a second driver was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries. According to local reporting on the incident, the Sandy Springs Police Department Traffic Unit took over the investigation from Georgia State Patrol, with the cause and contributing factors under active review as of the most recent reporting.

The July incident followed two separate and simultaneous fatal crashes on I-285 on April 1, 2026, which shut down the perimeter highway during the morning commute and claimed two lives across both incidents. WSB-TV Channel 2 reported that both crashes involved multiple lane closures lasting hours. In a separate event, a multi-vehicle crash on I-285 westbound near Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport injured several people and closed all lanes, according to 11Alive, reflecting a pattern of serious car accidents on one

of the metro area's busiest interstates. Readers seeking to verify these events may consult the referenced outlets and official crash reports available through the Sandy Springs Police Department and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

The advisory from the Atlanta car accident lawyer addresses a legal development affecting crash victims created by Georgia Senate Bill 68, signed April 21, 2025, which revised O.C.G.A. § 9-10-184. The full text of the legislation is available through the Georgia General Assembly website (legis.ga.gov), and the statutory provision may be reviewed in the official Georgia Code. Under the revised statute, any specific dollar amounts argued for non-economic damages, including pain and suffering, emotional distress, and loss of enjoyment of life, must be rationally related to the evidence presented at trial and may only be raised in closing arguments.

The statute itself does not enumerate specific categories of documentation. In the general experience of personal injury practitioners, the evidence used to support non-economic damage arguments frequently includes medical records, evaluations by treating specialists, and, in some cases, vocational or psychological assessments. Whether any particular form of documentation is relevant depends on the individual facts of each case. For victims injured in overnight crashes such as the July 2026 Sandy Springs incident, delayed treatment, incomplete emergency room documentation, and the absence of follow-up specialist records may leave gaps in the evidence a court could consider when non-economic damages are argued to a jury.

Harris Weinstein, Managing Partner of The Weinstein Firm, addressed the documentation concern for I-285 corridor victims. "Overnight crashes like the July Sandy Springs incident often produce victims who arrive at the emergency room in pain, receive stabilizing treatment, and are discharged without specialist follow-up," Weinstein said. "Because the revised standard ties non-economic damage arguments to the evidence presented at trial, the work of building a complete record often begins in the days after a crash rather than in the months before trial, though the documentation that matters will always depend on the particular circumstances of each case."

The firm noted that, under the revised anchoring standard, victims whose non-economic losses are less fully documented may face narrower damage arguments at trial than those with a more complete evidentiary record, with results varying case by case. The Weinstein Firm operates its primary office in Sandy Springs and serves the I-285 corridor. The firm reports having recovered more than $30 million in aggregate for Georgia personal injury clients over the course of its practice, a figure that includes a $4.5 million car accident settlement; these figures reflect past results in specific matters and do not guarantee or predict the outcome of any future case. Further information about the Weinstein Firm Atlanta car accident lawyer practice is available at the firm's website.

The Weinstein Firm is a personal injury law firm founded in 2013 by brothers Harris and Michael Weinstein, representing car accident victims and other injury clients throughout Metro Atlanta and statewide Georgia from offices in Sandy Springs, Decatur, Roswell, Conyers, Watkinsville, and Peachtree. The firm handles car accidents, truck accidents, catastrophic injuries, and wrongful death cases on a contingency fee basis.

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