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Joseph A. Fried, Esq., based out of Atlanta, Georgia, is a nationally prominent trial attorney. He is one of only a small handful of plaintiff lawyers in the country who dedicates nearly 100 percent of his practice to representing people injured and killed in commercial motor vehicle crashes. He has successfully handled cases in over 20 states with verdicts and settlements exceeding \$200 million. A former police officer with specialized training in accident reconstruction, roadway and vehicle design, biomechanics, and human factors, Joe

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Some of Joe's recent verdicts and settlements include:

- \$14.25 million tractor-trailer collision kills father and daughter
- \$10.4 million individual 24-year-old defendant kills two in collision
- \$5.35 million tractor-trailer fatal collision
- \$4.00 million collision results in serious pain syndrome
- \$2.00 million tractor-trailer turned left in front of motorcycle, killing driver
- \$1.8 million tractor-trailer turned left in front of motorcycle, killing driver
- \$1.5 million tractor-trailer fatal collision
- \$1.4 million woman breaks leg when escalator malfunctions
- over a dozen cases with policy-limits or near-policy-limits settlements in last two years

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