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I asked my brother what to do after a car ran into me while I was riding my bicycle home from work. I don't trust the drivers but I trusted Terence and Perenich Law and I'm glad I did. I recommend Perenich Law because I believe they are honest and care about all of their clients. I'm glad I did because I was able to see doctors who helped me and Terence was always available any time I had questions.



CLIENT CORNER: JEAN JACQUES

While I was grateful that I had the resource for guidance in my case, what I thought was even more important was that Terence and his paralegal were always available to me and assured me that I didn't need to worry about my case because the Perenich Firm was going to do the work for me. We had to file a lawsuit because the insurance company for the motorist that hit me on my bike denied the claim and said that I ran into her vehicle. Terence was able to get the defendant to admit that she didn't look before she pulled out of a driveway and hit me while I was riding my bike on the sidewalk. By the time of the mediation, the insurance company for the defendant agreed to pay me enough money to compensate me for my injuries, medical bills and the time I lost from work. I know that riding a bicycle can be dangerous, especially in the Tampa Bay area because a lot of drivers don't look out for us. I don't trust the drivers but I trusted Terence and the Perenich Firm and I'm glad I did. I recommend the Perenich firm because I believe they are honest and care about all of their clients. Thankfully my brother gave me good advice when he told me to call Terence.

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Perenich Law Welcomes Terri!

Terri is Perenich Law's Director of Client Services. We are excited to have her join our growing team! Terri comes to us with a background in Personal Injury, Workers Comp, and Social Security Disability. She has over 20 years of Personal Injury experience. Welcome aboard, Terri!



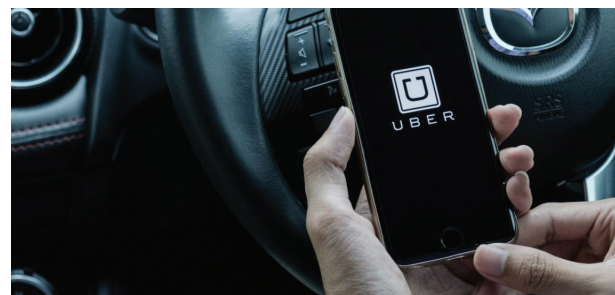


## UBER ACCIDENT LAWYERS: 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Ridesharing accidents using Uber and Lyft have increased traffic deaths by 2% to 3% in the U.S. since 2011 according to a scientific study published jointly by the University of Chicago and Rice University. Here is what you and your family need to know:

1. Always ask the driver to identify himself or herself by name before entering the vehicle. Do not assume the Uber or Lyft driver has passed a background check or demonstrated proficiency as a safe driver. We have found that the background checks and prescreening for such drivers is inadequate or incomplete. Keep in mind that ridesharing companies instruct their drivers to use Google Maps and other apps to assist drivers in directions and arriving at the designated destination of their passengers. The problem here is that most accidents occur due to distracted drivers. The number one reason drivers are often distracted is from looking at interactive maps on their phones and can be worse if their phones are not mounted on the dash. This is especially true when driving in heavy traffic or at night. Tell your Uber or Lyft driver to stay focused on the road and to familiarize themselves with the intended route before starting the ride. It is also advisable not to engage your driver in conversation during the trip.

2. "Deadheading" accidents occur when Uber and Lyft drivers are distracted as they search for passengers to pick up. It has been estimated that drivers will spend between 40% to 60% of their time deadheading which



limits their ability to observe other vehicles, traffic conditions, stoplights, etc. If you have reason to believe you have been hurt in an accident by a deadheading driver, find out if the driver was "logged on to the digital network" of a ridesharing company as this will trigger additional insurance coverage under Florida Law. It is also advisable to take note of the location of their phone and any visible ridesharing information on their vehicle.

3. In the event you are involved in an accident as a passenger during a ridesharing trip or while entering or exiting an Uber or Lyft, be sure to take photographs of the driver and any damage to the vehicles. It is also important to ask for the driver to produce their driver's license to take a picture of it as well as their insurance card showing both their personal policy and any other policy they may have that would apply for the rideshare. If they refuse to produce this information, tell them you are turning on your video and ask them again to produce it. Florida Law requires Uber and Lyft drivers to display their photograph and license plate of the vehicle. If certain law enforcement is summoned to the scene to prepare an accident report, inform the officer the accident occurred while the driver was working for Uber or Lyft. If you are injured, tell the driver you are hurt and be sure to seek immediate medical attention. Do not refuse an ambulance if you are in pain.

4. Florida Law provides for special insurance coverage for ridesharing accidents. If the driver is "logged into the digital network but not engaged in a prearranged ride", the transportation network company and its driver must maintain a minimum of \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per occurrence. If the driver is transporting passengers in a

prearranged ride, the driver and the rideshare company must have a minimum of \$1,000,000 in coverage for bodily injuries, death, and property damage.

5. Ridesharing companies often deny claims based on the premise that the Uber or Lyft driver is not considered to be an employee but rather an independent contractor. The argument to deny coverage usually involves a claim that the accident did not occur while its driver was logged into the digital network. Coverage denials without a rational basis can trigger an additional lawsuit. Do not accept the denial without consulting our firm for advice as soon as possible. Such claims require analysis of electronic information and it is incumbent to place the transportation network company on written notice to preserve and retain such information.

We at PERENICH LAW are 3 brothers with strong experience in handling ridesharing accidents. Let our team go to work for you to make certain your rights are protected to ensure that you receive the compensation you justly deserve to be fully restored and recover from your injuries.

*Gregory J. Perenich, Esquire*



## Sugar Cookie Icing

This icing dries hard and shiny. You can choose as many different colors as you wish, and the colors stay bright!

Prep: 15 Minutes	Ingredients:
Total: 15 Minutes	1 cup confectioners' sugar
Servings: 12	2 teaspoons milk
Yield: 1 dozen cookies' worth	2 teaspoons light corn syrup
	¼ teaspoon almond extract
	assorted food coloring

### Step 1 -

In a small bowl, stir together confectioners' sugar and milk until smooth. Beat in corn syrup and almond extract until icing is smooth and glossy. If icing is too thick, add more milk.

### Step 2 -

Divide into separate bowls (or ramekins) and add food colorings to each to desired intensity. With a small knife, spread icing on cookies, or paint the icing on the cookies with a brush.

## DRIVE THROUGH TURKEY GIVEAWAY



Perenich Law partnered with Countryside Cares Helping Hands for a drive through turkey giveaway the week of Thanksgiving. We gave away 300 hundred turkeys to hundreds of families. We were grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve the community during this difficult time for many in need.

