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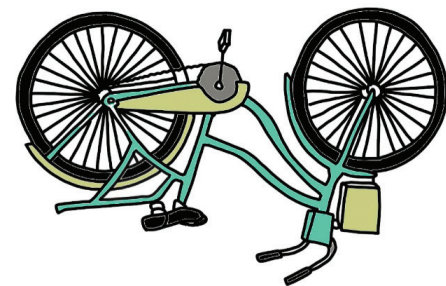
\*18 helmets

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Avoid Spring Break injuries or  
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# SPRING BREAK SAFETY

Every year, college students from all over the country travel to spring break destinations like the Tampa Bay area and Orlando. The annual vacation from classes and studying is built into the college culture. This downtime is known for the celebration, independence, and freedom from the oversight of school administrators and parents. Often described as one long party, students from as young as high school through college consider the event as a time where all the rules of school and society no longer apply; the overriding principle governing all conduct: party hard!

Unfortunately, the mix of youth with excessive alcohol and other intoxicants can often result in tragedy. Most injuries result from excessive drinking, including alcohol poisoning, by a person not of lawful drinking age.

In a recent survey, nearly one-third of spring break students admitted to excessive alcohol consumption, and over 25 percent blacked out after too many drinks. This survey revealed that 1 in 10 students drove a motor vehicle while impaired from intoxicants while on spring break. Excessive alcohol consumption is a known cause of injuries; to the drinker and the parties involved. The stakes for alcohol-related injuries go up even higher when mixed with driving, including DUIs. <sup>[1]</sup>

Another factor to consider when assessing the risks of injury on spring break relates to hotel safety, as many students vacationing on spring break will be staying in hotels. In a study composed of police data from 2006 through 2010, not specifically related to spring break, in Miami-Dade County, there were nearly 1000 hotel-

related incidents. 59% of the hotel-related incidents reported involved car break-ins; 32% related to theft; 9% related to burglary. Most hotel-related incidents occurred between 6 pm and midnight. While most hotel-related incidents arise in the parking lots, nearly 20% occurred inside the hotel room--guests in even more danger. This statistic informs us those hotels can be high crime areas where their guests are at risk. Mixing alcohol, drugs, and an attitude of recklessness make the danger even greater. <sup>[2]</sup>



The combination of underage students drinking alcohol and staying at hotels or other vacation spots creates a combustible circumstance where injuries are likely to be suffered by anyone in proximity to the party and its aftermath. When parents and those injured in these circumstances must pick up the pieces, PERENICH Law is here to provide recourse to hold the negligent accountable. Two primary avenues of relief are available under the law: (1) Florida's Dram Shop Act, *Florida Statute 768.125*, and (2) Florida's common law holding hotels responsible for negligence in the duty to secure and guard the safety of their guests.

In 1963, Florida recognized that vendors of alcohol could be held negligent *per se* (i.e., "automatically as a matter of law") if their sale of alcohol to a minor resulted in injury to the minor or others. This recognition was codified into law in 1980, requiring that to hold a vendor responsible, the intent to sell alcohol must be established. Since that time, societal norms around the sale of alcohol to minors has



## Choosing a Bicycle Accident Lawyer

What are the most important things to look for in an attorney if you have been injured in a bicycle accident? Look to the reputation of the firm and the experience of the lawyer. Check out their record and if they are deeply rooted in the community. Our firm tries cases in this community and stands up to insurance companies when they do not want to do the right thing and/or pay for proper compensation. It is important for you to know that our firm will be with you every step of the way.

## Bicycle Accident Claims

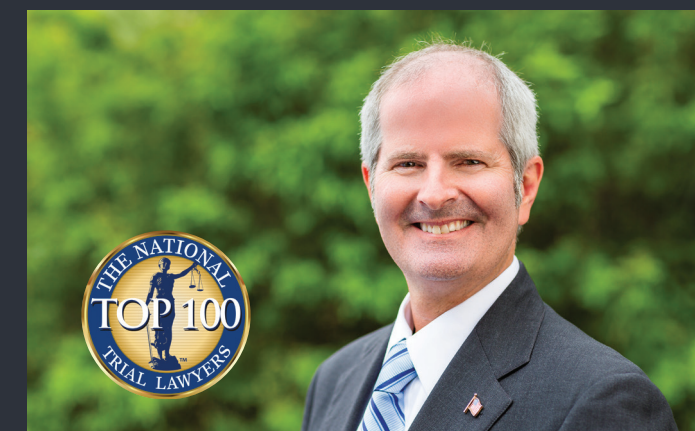
People often ask how a bicycle claim is different than a car accident claim. There are certain similarities that a bicycle claim has to a car accident case. There is a four-year statute of limitations. We still have the same burden of proving negligence. It is also different because, in Florida, motor vehicles have a reasonability to watch out for pedestrians and bicyclists. It is important that you talk to an experienced trial attorney who can take on the case, gather the evidence, and properly prosecute the claim.



# CONGRATULATIONS GREG & TIM!

## Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers

The National Trial Lawyers announced that Gregory Perenich has been selected for inclusion into its Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers in Florida. This honor is given only to a select group of lawyers for their superior skills and qualifications in the field.



## Martindale-Hubbell's AV Preeminent Rating for 2022

Timothy received Martindale-Hubbell's AV Preeminent rating for 2022! This rating is the highest peer rating standard and signifies many of the lawyer's peers rank him at the highest level of professional excellence for his legal knowledge, communication skills, and ethical standards.





# 2022 Project Hero Honor Ride

PERENICH Law participated in the 2022 Project Hero Honor Ride. Founded in 2008, Project Hero is a groundbreaking, national, non-profit organization dedicated to helping Veterans and First Responders affected by PTSD, TBI, and various injuries.

changed. It is now presumed that a vendor knew or should have known that an illegal sale was made to an underage person. The industry standard requires that proper identification be presented by anyone who intends to purchase alcohol, regardless of age. Therefore, intentionality is baked in when a minor purchases alcohol.

Secondly, innkeepers and hoteliers must keep their guests safe, even from themselves. The legal standard requires proof that the hotel management has foreseeability about the risk to its guests. The foreseeability of this risk is established by the mere fact that popular spring break destinations are the target places for spring break vacationers who are young, intoxicated, and unsupervised by responsible adults. This creates a responsibility under the law for hotel staff to make sure that their guests avoid reckless and dangerous activities and protect them from the dangers posed by others.

Florida is proud of its status as a spring break mecca for weary college students. But bars, restaurants, hotels, and other tourist industry businesses must act responsibly to protect the safety of all who vacation in the Sunshine State.

*Terence A. Perenich, Esquire*

<sup>1</sup> Fractl. "Confessions of a Spring Breaker." *Project Know*, 9 Nov. 2021, <https://projectknow.com/discover/confessions-of-a-spring-breaker/>.)

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The Honor Ride is a non-competitive cycling event where active service members, injured veterans, first responders, and the public all get to ride together. Rides vary from 10-100 miles.



# 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WHEELCHAIRS 4 KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

PERENICH Law was a proud sponsor of the 7th annual Wheelchairs 4 Kids Kimberly Knorr Memorial Celebrity Golf Tournament at Cypress Run Golf Club. Wheelchairs 4 Kids is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities by providing wheelchairs, home modifications, vehicle modifications, and other assistive equipment at no charge to families in need.

Steve DeBerg (former Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback) was the celebrity on our team! Steve DeBerg is a retired professional football player who was a quarterback in the NFL for 21 years. He was with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1984-1987, 1992, 1993.



## Bicycle Accident Tips

A common mistake that people make when they have been injured while operating a bicycle is that they do not contact a lawyer quickly enough. It is critical that they do so. Our firm is exceedingly responsive to our clients who come in after having suffered a bicycle injury. There may be evidence lost unless we vigorously and quickly investigate what that evidence is to support the claim.

Another common mistake is the injured bicyclist does not select the right law firm. It is critical that the person who has been injured while riding a bicycle select a firm that knows how to prove the case in court, how to gather that evidence to put that proof together and knows the laws that are governing traffic.

The worst common mistake is the injured bicyclist does not get medical care right away. Most bicycle injuries are due to the negligence of a motorist. This means that Florida automobile no-fault law provides a manner of paying for the medical care. They will either get their medical bills paid through their own automobile insurance or if they do not own a car, from the automobile insurance of the car who is at fault. This affords the injured client to get medical care the day of the injury. Those are the three common mistakes that we see.