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MADD Charity Golf Tournament - Event Sponsor

Perenich Law Injury Attorneys was proud to sponsor this year's MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Charity Golf Tournament, supporting their mission to end impaired driving and assist victims and families across Florida.

This meaningful event brings together community partners and advocates to work for safer roads, and we are honored to continue supporting such impactful work in the Tampa Bay area.

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CLIENT CONNECTION



FOURTH QUARTER NEWSLETTER

Perenich Law Injury Attorneys Named Best Law Firm 2026

Award-Winning Advocacy. Community-Focused Care.

As the year winds down, we're reflecting on what truly matters — the people we serve and the community we call home. From family-friendly events to meaningful case results and local outreach, 2025 has been a year of connection and gratitude. Our firm is honored to be recognized as a 2026 Best Law Firm® by Best Lawyers, receiving Regional Tier 1 in Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs.

Thank you for trusting us to stand by your side. We remain committed to protecting injured individuals and investing in the Tampa Bay community — in and out of the courtroom.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Trunk-or-Treat Community Event
- Annual Turkey Giveback
- Florida E-Bike Laws & Injury Claims: What Riders Need to Know
- Case Result Spotlight: \$1 Million Premises Liability Settlement
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Trunk-or-Treat Community Event



We kicked off the Halloween season with our annual Trunk-or-Treat at Cypress Point Shopping Center! Families enjoyed trick-or-treating from decorated car trunks, a haunted trail, crafts, and plenty of spooky fun.

We also provided free pizza and drinks, making it a safe, festive evening for families across Clearwater. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped create another memorable community night!

Annual Turkey Giveback

On November 24, we held our 6th Annual Turkey Giveback and were honored to support families throughout our community. Beginning at 10 AM, our team handed out Thanksgiving turkeys at our Clearwater office to help local families prepare for the holiday. We had a great turnout, and it was heartwarming to see so many grateful faces and share a moment of kindness together. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this tradition so meaningful year after year.



Florida E-Bike Laws & Injury Claims: What Riders Need to Know

Electric bicycles are everywhere in Florida—from school commutes to the Pinellas Trail. If you ride an e-bike (or were hurt by one), here's a clear guide to your rights, responsibilities, and how best to bring an injury claim under Florida law.

Case Result Spotlight: \$1 Million Premises Liability Settlement



Attorney Greg Perenich and paralegal Sheena Adams obtained a \$1 million settlement against a yoga studio and wellness center on behalf of our client who was severely injured by a falling object.

Attorney Greg shared: This client was clearly deserving of this settlement, and I am gratified that this wellness center will take proper safety precautions in the future to avoid any recurrence.

WHAT COUNTS AS AN E-BIKE?

Florida treats an e-bike like a bicycle if it has pedals, a seat, and a motor under 750 watts. The law recognizes three classes (Class 1, 2, and 3), ranging from pedal-assist to throttle, with speed limits between 20–28 mph. Bikes modified to exceed these limits may fall under different motor-vehicle rules.

WHERE YOU CAN RIDE

E-bikes can generally go anywhere bicycles can—streets, bike lanes, and multi-use paths—unless restricted by a local rule. A new law taking effect in 2025 allows cities and counties to regulate e-bikes more closely, meaning Tampa Bay communities may set specific age limits or sidewalk restrictions. Always check local regulations.

HELMETS, LIGHTING & A KEY LITIGATION RULE

- Helmets are required for riders under 16.
- Standard bicycle lighting rules apply at night.
- Importantly, not wearing a helmet cannot be used as evidence of negligence against an injured rider.

WHO MAY BE LIABLE AFTER A CRASH?

Depending on the facts, liable parties may include a negligent driver, an e-bike rider who injures a pedestrian or cyclist, a city or property owner responsible for dangerous conditions, or a manufacturer/retailer if a defect contributed to the injury. Florida's modified comparative negligence rule bars recovery if you are more than 50% at fault.

INSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS

PIP may apply if a motor vehicle hits you. Additional recovery may come from Bodily Injury coverage, UM/UIM coverage when the at-fault driver is uninsured or underinsured, and sometimes homeowners/renters' insurance depending on the policy. Med Pay may also offer supplemental coverage.

DEADLINES

Most e-bike injuries fall under Florida's 2-year statute of limitations for negligence claims. Product liability cases often follow the same timeframe.

WHAT TO DO AFTER AN E-BIKE CRASH

1. Call 911, get a police report, document the scene.
2. Seek immediate medical care and specify it was an e-bike crash.
3. Preserve the bike, helmet, charger, and all parts.
4. Notify insurers promptly.
5. Request nearby video footage quickly.
6. Contact an attorney early to protect deadlines and coverage.

BOTTOM LINE

If you were injured as an e-bike rider, cyclist, or pedestrian, act quickly: get medical care, preserve evidence, secure video, and consult with an attorney before the 2-year window closes. Contact Perenich Law Injury Attorneys to speak with a member of our team today.

By: Attorney Laura Simon