

Fraud in the Trucking Industry

Trucking companies and truck drivers must follow dozens of federal and state regulations in the operation of their business. The primary goal of such regulations is to ensure the safety of everyone on the road. For instance, one such regulation requires truck drivers to be medically cleared to operate their big rigs. According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the most important safety feature in the commercial trucking business is *the truck driver*. [Read Article Here.](#)

Truck drivers are required to pass a Department of Transportation physical examination every two years. The examination confirms that the truck driver is healthy enough to safely perform the demanding job of a commercial driver and keep our nation's roads safe. Medical examiners must be certified to perform these DOT examinations.

As with most industries, there are companies or individuals who find ways to avoid compliance with rules and regulations or disregard them entirely. The trucking industry was rocked in December 2016 when it was discovered that an Atlanta-based DOT certified medical examiner was arrested and charged with issuing false medical certifications to potentially 8,000 commercial truck drivers since 2014. [Read Article Here.](#)

This shocking discovery may not mean that every truck driver who received a medical certification from this doctor is unfit to drive, although all such drivers were ordered to submit to new physical examinations. [Read Article Here.](#)

Failure to comply with the regulations governing the commercial trucking industry can have dire consequences. The attorneys at Lanier & Burroughs have obtained nearly \$50 million in recoveries for clients injured by the negligence of a trucking company or commercial driver. For more information or to see if we can help you or a loved one, please contact us today.

