

# THE PASSION OF THE TIGER

The Law Tigers of Texas



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**T**he tiger is a symbol for power, passion, and ferocity. It is no wonder the success of the Law Tigers! Currently in 11 states, this network of lawyers is dedicated providing the motorcycle community with effective legal assistance before and after motorcycle accidents.

Let's start with the "before". They start with education. On their website ([LawTigers.com](http://LawTigers.com)) you'll find various legal and motorcycle-related resources, can report an accident, register your medical information in the event of an accident, find an attorney... and what they're best known for, obtain a FREE benefit card. You can request one be mailed to you, which will include one for your wallet and one for your key chain. Or you can download the card and print it at home. The card outlines what the Law Tigers offer you, up front: Toll-Free, 24-Hour Accident Hotline; No Recovery, No Fee for Personal Injury Claims; \$10,000 Hit-and-Run Reward; \$10,000 Bike Theft Recovery; Free Legal Advice for All Motorcycle Matters; Free Representation for Motorcycle Damage Claims; and Free Online Registration of Emergency Medical Information.

Let's highlight a really cool program, a \$10,000 rewards for hit-and-run accidents and for bike theft recovery. Just this past December, Law Tigers awarded \$10,000 to two teenagers (each received \$5,000) in Colorado. The two young men witnessed 25 year old Efrain Villegas (drunk) hit Debbie Pyatock and her fiancé Jon Brand. The couple was riding their motorcycle through Denver when Villegas collided with them and then

took off. Brand died shortly after arriving at a local hospital and Pyatock suffered many injuries, not to mention the loss of her fiancé. Jason Perez and Stephen Sanchez witnessed the accident and took off after him. They chased him into a dead end alley, where he abandoned the card with his jacket and identification. Thanks to the teens, Villegas was later arrested and plead guilty of vehicular homicide while under the influence and was sentenced to nine years in prison. Debbie Pyatock nominated the two teens for the Law Tigers reward.

The best case scenario is to ride without incident. The Law Tigers website offers advice before you ride. There are links to various motorcycle safety sites for riding courses and online education programs, online articles by various Law Tiger



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attorneys related to riding safely, information about motorcycle and helmet laws in the different states, and the online emergency information registration. The latter offers a place to put important medical and contact information in the event you are involved in an accident that incapacitates you.

While we know you've probably heard/seen it before, it bears repeating – what to do in the event of a motorcycle accident. Law Tigers strongly suggests training – both riding and accident first aid. There are many classes for both offered around the state. For first aid after an accident, the normal CPR classes won't do. We (Thunder Roads) suggest contacting the ASMI (Accident Scene Management, Inc.; [AccidentScene.net](http://AccidentScene.net)) for courses designed specifically for handling injuries from a motorcycle accident.

Victims in a motorcycle accident might be entitled to damages and compensation, such as medical expenses, cost to repair or replace the motorcycle, compensation for pain and suffering, compensation for loss of wages resulting from the accident, or, in the event of a fatality, wrongful death.

Farrar & Ball, based in Houston, are Law Tigers in Texas. They assist bikers all across the state. They are riders themselves, so they understand what is important to motorcyclists. When asked why they do it... they simply say, "Because we're good at it."

The Texas Law Tigers



are solid, successful trial attorneys that also handle product liability, serious injury, wrongful death, and business litigation. Their philosophy is to prepare for trial before even filing a suit. They're aggressive and effective. For example, last year, they won a 33-million dollar verdict against a multi-national tire company. They're just what a biker down needs!

This top-of-the-line firm doesn't care how big or small the case may be. They simply believe in providing the best representation to riders possible. Aside from helping in the case of injury/death from an accident, they also assist with issues involving insurance companies and the discrepancy that often exists between repair costs and what the insurer pays. This, they do for FREE.

Law Tigers Farrar & Ball are a big part of Texas' riding community. They sponsor events such as the Republic of Texas (ROT) Rally and the Lone Star Rally and can be seen at events of all sizes across the state. Be sure to visit their booth for SWAG (free stuff!)... and, if you don't have one already, a FREE benefit card!



#### Steps to do at the scene of a motorcycle accident

- Secure the Scene – Remain there until help arrives, unless you require immediate medical attention. Check on others involved. Call an ambulance and police. Cordon off the scene from traffic.
- Obtain Information from Driver(s) – Get contact and insurance information for all involved and contact information from any potential witnesses.
- Making Comments and Statements – Do not discuss details or make comments to anyone other than the investigating officers. Do not admit liability to anyone. If an injury is involved, reserve your statements for your Law Tigers attorney. Get contact and incident information from the officer. If you are arrested – do not resist and do not make any statement until you contact your attorney.
- Notes and Pictures – While things are still 'fresh', make notes including where and how it occurred, road and weather conditions, what forms of traffic control and road signage are visible and draw sketches or take pictures of the scene, before anything is moved. Be sure to get location of vehicles, skid marks, and other physical evidence likely to disappear.
- Notify Insurance Company – Call your insurance company as soon as you can. If you do not contact them immediately, they may deny your claim. Do not make any statements (aside from facts) until you consult your Law Tigers attorney.
- Insurance Claims – Any claims against you should be referred to your insurance company. Do not pay or promise to pay or sign anything until consulting your Law Tigers attorney.
- Contact Your Attorney – Call Law Tigers (information is provided on your FREE benefit card) if you've been involved in a motorcycle accident for a free consultation.

