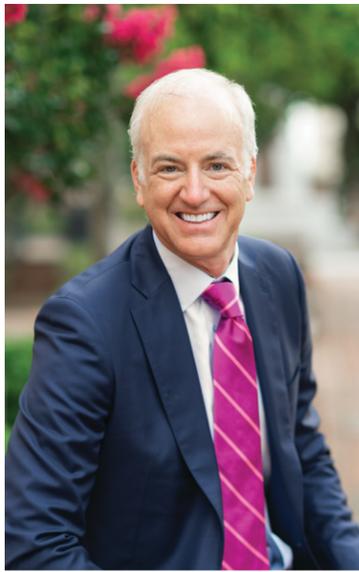


## VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

\$3.68 MILLION SETTLEMENT

### Phone distraction happens just before deadly crash



Tom A. Killoren

**Action:** Wrongful death

**Injuries alleged:** Traumatic brain/diffuse axonal injury, subarachnoid hemorrhage, scalp and facial lacerations, acute respiratory insufficiency, bilateral pneumothoraces, atrial fibrillation, and sternal and left fifth rib fractures; decedent was intubated and admitted to ICU for vent and critical care management

**Case name:** Withheld

**Court/case no.:** Withheld

**Amount:** \$3.68 million

**Special damages:** \$198,234.80

**Date:** Dec. 1, 2023

**Attorney:** Tom A. Killoren Jr. of KD Trial Lawyers, Spartanburg (for the plaintiff)

On Dec. 14, 2020, decedent was traveling southbound approaching an intersection when defendant - driver in the course of his employment disregarded a stop sign and caused a collision between the two vehicles. Defendant - driver admitted to the responding officer that he diverted his eyes from the roadway to check a notification on his phone and that the collision happened when he looked up. Defendant - driver had been charged with unlawful texting while operating a motor vehicle three months before this collision.