

# Florida Attorney Jack Hickey Explains What Victims Can Do After a Drunk Driving Accident

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MIAMI, FLORIDA, USA , June 11, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In an [online interview](#) with AskTheLawyers.com™, [personal injury lawyer John H. "Jack" Hickey](#) explains what victims should do after an accident involving drunk drivers.

One of the questions he answers is whether or not a prosecutor or district attorney would represent you as a victim in a lawsuit regarding the trial. As drunk driving is both a criminal and civil matter, a drunk driver could be facing both criminal and civil charges simultaneously. In the interview, Hickey explained that a victim can file a personal injury lawsuit even as a defendant accused of drunk driving faces criminal prosecution. He said that the outcome of a criminal case will do nothing to help the victims recover losses incurred by the crash. If the accident is fatal, Hickey said that surviving family members can file a wrongful death lawsuit. The largest aspect of any wrongful death suit is the loss of companionship and the pain and suffering of the survivors. "Survivors" is defined under the Florida Wrongful Death Act, Fla. Stat. Sec. 768.16 et seq.



Hickey said that anyone involved in an accident with a potential drunk driver should document as much of the scene as possible. He recommended taking photos of the road, any damage to the vehicles, license plate numbers, insurance information, and even the drunk driver.

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He encouraged anyone involved in an accident involving drunk driving a factor to contact an attorney with experience handling drunk driving claims.

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