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BETWEEN THE LINES

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Nuclear Verdicts

Nuclear Verdicts are generally defined as when a jury award reaches and/or exceeds a rational amount, which is usually put at or over \$10 million. Over the past six years, there has been a 300% increase in verdict cases higher than \$1 million in the trucking industry, according to the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) Research Advisory Committee (RAC). As a repercussion of both award amounts and case quantity rising, insurance rates have spiked. As stated by the ATRI, "Over the last 2 to 5 years, commercial truck insurance premiums have increased annually between 35 percent and 40 percent for low-to average-risk carriers."

The main source of blame in these events has been the plaintiff attorneys' prices. The "little guy" versus the "big guy" concept has arisen, where the "big bad wolf" of giant corporations and law firms strive to take advantage of the everyday folk, such as truck drivers. However, as this situation grows bigger, it has not only affected companies and truck drivers but the everyday pedestrian driver, as well. If circumstances are to deescalate, the industry believes an awareness must be brought to these cases and their severity.



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Single, Working Mothers

Across the globe, mothers of all ages are working in all industries to provide for their families. Amongst these women are single mothers doing everything they can to make a way for their children. With Mother's Day taking place this month, we wanted to take the time to highlight all mothers, but more specifically, single, working mothers.

"Being a single working mom means having no backup when there's bloody noses, no school, and meetings scheduled," says Laura Crawford, a working single mother at Kelly Anderson Group. "It's about wanting to power through the hard days to enjoy the good days, and show your kids how strong of character they can have when they feel weak."

According to Single Mother Statistics, out of the single-parent lead families in the United States, around 80% of them were headed by single mothers. Of that percentage, 29% were without a job for the whole year in 2021. Independent women like these are strong and hard-working and should be recognized for their dedication and love for their families.

"Being a single mom may not look all that different than being a married mom who works, it just depends on how much support you've got."

LAURA CRAWFORD
FINAL MILE E-LEARNING MANAGER



QUIZ

What is the main reason for truck related legal hearings?



We want to take the time to honor and remember those who have fallen serving our country. Thank you.

MEMORIAL DAY & always, WE REMEMBER



If you have any questions about these topics or how *Kelly Anderson Group* can help your business, please contact:

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Company Updates

- As of this month, all of our ELDT courses are now live! Examples: School Bus, Passenger/Motorcoach Endorsement, CDL Class A and B, and others! Find them on our website to learn more!
- Through our Safety Trainer Program, we travel frequently to train! Currently, we go to 17 different states!

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Brenda Hopper

Position: *Human Resources Manager*

Length at company: *3 years 7 months*

Quote: *"I feel that Kelly Anderson Group has some of the most dedicated and hard working employees."*

QUIZ ANSWER: **Truck road accidents are the main cause for the jury hearings where nuclear verdicts arise.**