If you or your child were bitten in the Atlanta area, the rules may not be what you assume.

Certain states impose liability regardless of the animal's history. Georgia does not work that way. The question is normally whether the owner had reason to know the dog was vicious, or whether the dog was loose in violation of a local leash ordinance.

Proving prior knowledge is difficult. People do not readily admit their dog has a history, and neighbors are often reluctant to get involved.

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Local ordinance violations are usually easier to establish, so the early questions focus on whether the animal was restrained and whether a complaint was ever filed.

This evidence does not last. County records and witness memory both degrade, and the animal may be rehomed or euthanized before its history is ever documented.

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Most bite claims are paid by a homeowner or renter policy, which surprises people who assume they would be suing a neighbor personally. Children make up a significant portion of serious bite injuries, and facial scarring is common because of height. Those cases should not be valued quickly.

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How much does a personal injury lawyer cost in Atlanta?

Most personal injury lawyers in Georgia work on a contingency fee, which means the fee comes out of the recovery instead of out of pocket. There is no attorney fee if there is no recovery. Flanagan Law, P.C. handles Atlanta injury cases on a contingency fee and does not charge for the first conversation, so an injured person can find out where they stand before deciding anything.

How long do I have to file an injury claim in Georgia?

Georgia generally gives an injured person two years from the date of the injury to file a personal injury lawsuit, and a claim against a city, county or state agency can require written notice far sooner than that. Waiting also makes proof harder to collect, because records and camera footage do not last forever. Flanagan Law, P.C. reviews the deadlines that apply to a specific Atlanta case at no cost.

What should I do after a truck accident in Atlanta?

Get medical care, report the wreck, and avoid giving a recorded statement to the trucking company's insurer before you talk to a lawyer. Trucking companies often send their own investigators to the scene within hours, and evidence such as onboard data and camera footage can be overwritten or lost in days. Flanagan Law, P.C. moves early in truck cases to preserve that evidence.

Do I have to go to court for a personal injury case?

Most injury claims settle without a trial. The cases that settle well are usually the ones the other side believes will actually be tried. Flanagan Law, P.C. is a trial firm, and Brendan Flanagan has tried cases to verdict in Georgia courts, including a $99.9 million wrongful death verdict in Fulton County. Past results do not guarantee or predict a similar outcome in any future case.

Who can be held responsible in a commercial truck wreck?

Responsibility can reach past the driver to the trucking company, a maintenance contractor, a freight broker, or the company that loaded the trailer. Each one is a separate question with its own proof. Flanagan Law, P.C. investigates every party that may share responsibility in an Atlanta commercial vehicle case.

What is my injury case worth?

No honest lawyer can put a number on a case before reading the medical records and understanding how the injury changed a person's life and work. Value depends on the treatment, the lasting effects, who was at fault, and the coverage available. Flanagan Law, P.C. will walk through those pieces with an injured person in Atlanta before anyone signs anything.