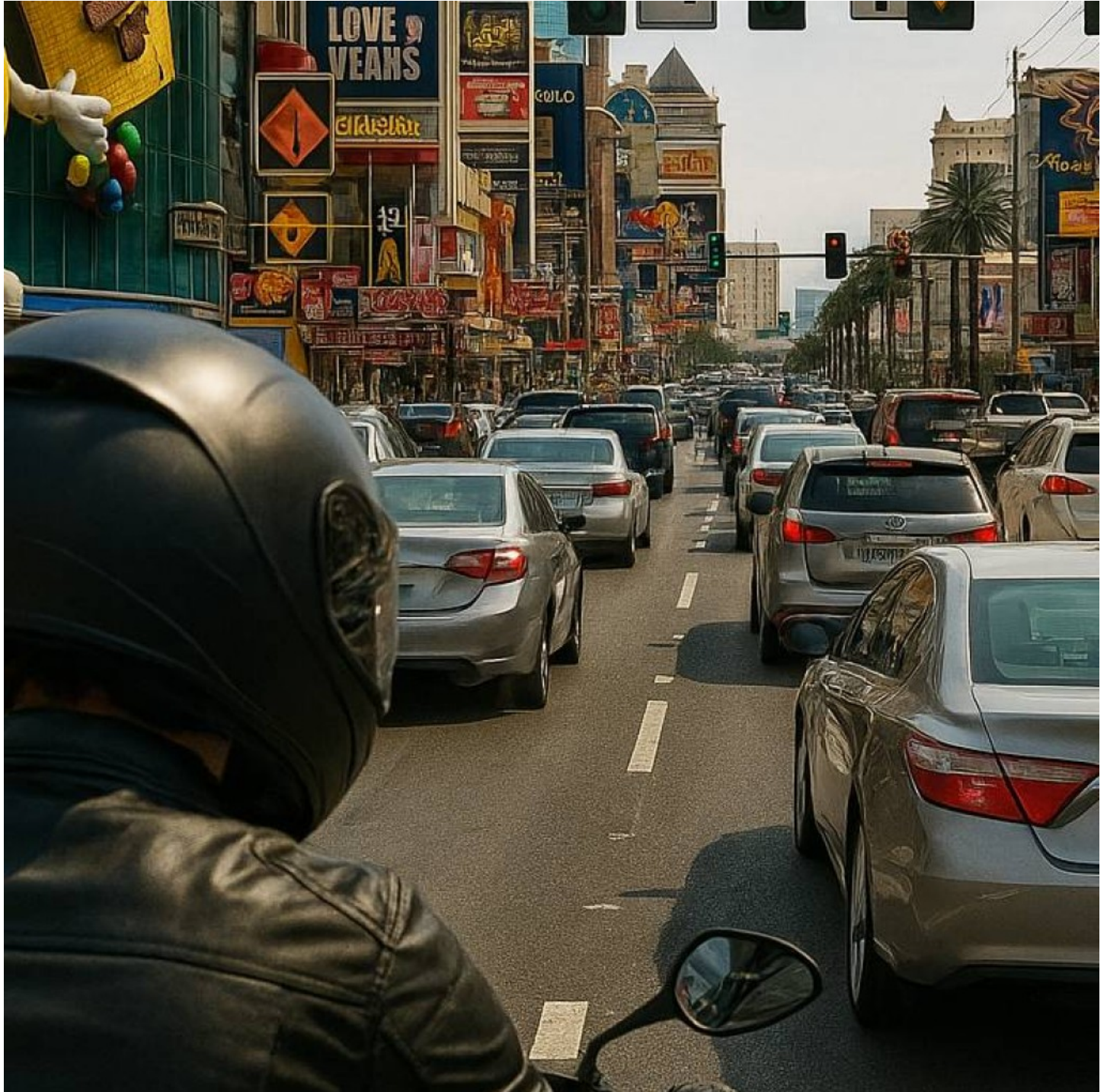


Hansen & Harmon Injury Law Warns of Motorcycle Detection Gaps for Nevada Motorcyclists

Hansen & Harmon Injury Law Warns that Automatic Emergency Braking Systems Routinely Fail to Detect Motorcycles, Creating a Hidden Danger on Las Vegas Roads



Las Vegas, Nevada Oct 8, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Technological advancements have inspired automakers to race and equip new vehicles with increasingly sophisticated safety features. They include automatic emergency braking, lane-departure warnings, and blind-spot monitoring. However, Las Vegas Personal Injury Lawyers at Hansen & Harmon Injury Law firm warn Nevada motorcyclists of a

possible blind spot hiding inside that technology. A growing body of research confirms that these systems frequently fail to detect motorcycles. According to legal experts, this flaw is quietly reshaping the liability landscape for [rider-injury claims](#) across the Las Vegas Valley.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) recently overhauled its front crash prevention testing protocol. This raises evaluation speeds to 31, 37, and 43 mph and adds motorcycle-shaped targets for the first time. As a result, only one vehicle of all those tested, the 2023–24 Subaru Forester, earned a “good” rating, with the rest failing. Meanwhile, the same AEB technology prevents roughly half of all standard rear-end collisions. This clearly means drivers are receiving a false sense of protection that does not extend to the riders sharing the road with them. This is what the Hansen & Harmon Law Firm warns motorcyclists about.

The lawyers further mention how motorcyclists now account for 16% of all traffic deaths across the country. Riding remains 28 times deadlier per mile than driving a car. They further state that in the Las Vegas Valley, this gap has real consequences where AEB detection failures translate directly into catastrophic crashes. “A driver whose car is equipped with automatic emergency braking may genuinely believe they are protected against rear-ending a motorcycle. The research tells a different story. That technology was tested against cars, not riders. When you put a motorcycle in that detection window, most of these systems do not respond — and the rider absorbs the full impact with no protection at all,” says [Kevin R. Hansen](#), Managing Partner, Hansen & Harmon Injury Law.

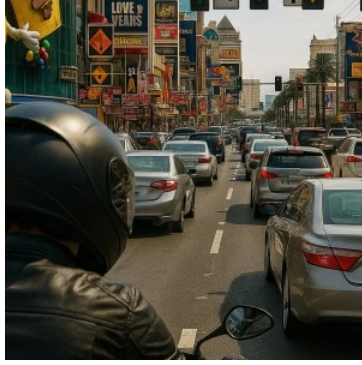
Hansen is a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law with more than thirty years of personal injury trial experience in Nevada. He says the AEB detection gap is surfacing in the firm’s active motorcycle caseload. According to him, left-turn collisions at intersections in Aliante and Centennial Hills, rear-end crashes on the 95 and 215, and lane-change incidents involving distracted drivers are all case types where AEB was theoretically active but did not prevent the crash. So, the technology record becomes a critical piece of evidence in these files. Though the liability question is not yet settled in Nevada courts, it is developing quickly. The lawyer mentions that when a vehicle equipped with AEB fails to brake for a motorcycle, and the rider is killed or severely injured, the defense posture has typically centered on driver inattention, and oftentimes it becomes insufficient.

Hansen & Harmon Injury Law is among the practices in the state tracking the intersection of product liability and rider-injury claims as the IIHS research enters the litigation mainstream. The firm further emphasizes that the detection gap means defensive riding cannot be outsourced to the vehicles around them. Practical adjustments, like positioning within a lane, managing following distances, and choosing visibility over speed at intersections, can translate into crash avoidance in a market where AEB-equipped vehicles make up most new registrations. The firm also advises injured riders to preserve the other vehicle’s black box data and request the AEB event log early.

Hansen & Harmon Injury Law handles motorcycle accident claims throughout North Las Vegas, the greater Las Vegas Valley, and surrounding Nevada communities. The practice provides free initial consultations in English and Spanish and works on a contingency basis. This makes it an ideal choice for accident and injury claims.

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Hansen & Harmon Injury Law is a personal injury practice serving injured Nevadans from its Las Vegas office, with more than thirty years of trial experience. Know more details at: <https://hansenharmon.com/>.



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