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THE BASSETT REPORT (WINTER 2009)

The Bassett Report is a quarterly report providing information about recent developments at The Bassett Firm.

- ★ **Thank you!** The Bassett Firm is thankful to all of our clients, friends, and opposing counsel who have helped us celebrate seven years in business this February.
- ★ **TBF Talks Trucks** – Mike Bassett and Mat Samuel of The Bassett Firm spoke at the Texas Motor Transport Association’s January 21, 2009, training session in Austin, Texas, concerning the critical issues faced by a motor carrier following a truck wreck.
- ★ **Continuing Education Courses** - The Bassett Firm would welcome an opportunity to speak with the members of your company or organization. The Bassett Firm provides nine courses, at no charge, that have been accredited for continuing education hours by the Texas Department of Insurance.
- ★ **Welcome!** The Bassett Firm welcomes Teresa Derdeyn who has joined the Firm as a billing assistant, Fred Vega who has joined the Firm as a file clerk, and Jennifer Graig who has joined the Firm as a legal secretary.
- ★ **Legal Tip!** What does “occupying a vehicle” mean for purposes of insurance coverage? The Texas Supreme Court says “occupying” does not mean you end up on the hood when you are outside your car and you get smashed between two cars. *United States Fidelity v. Goudreau*, 2008 Tex. LEXIS 1158 (Tex. 2008)
- ★ **Did you know?** – The Texas Rules of Civil Procedure provide that no side may examine or cross-examine an individual witness for more than six hours. TRCP 199.5.(c). Moreover, a level two discovery control plan, the most frequently used discovery control plan, provides that each side may have no more than fifty hours of oral depositions to examine and cross-examine opposing parties, opposing experts, and persons who are subject to the control of an opposing party. TRCP 190.3.(b)(2).
- ★ **TBF Maintains a Statewide Practice-** From the Panhandle to the Valley, our lawyers handle cases across the State of Texas in both State and Federal Court. The Bassett Firm regularly defends civil cases involving personal injury, transportation law, employer liability, contractual disputes, and construction cases throughout the state.
- ★ **We are here for you!** – The attorneys at The Bassett Firm are problem solvers. Please call us at (214) 219-9900 for help with your legal problems.