

Evidentiary Challenges Presented by Computer-Generated Accident Reconstruction

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Trial counsel in motor vehicle and trucking cases often rely on computer-generated accident reconstructions to sue or defend the driver and explain to a jury how an accident occurred. To recreate events leading up to a collision, accident reconstruction experts use information collected during their scene investigation to establish the facts necessary for reconstruction. These facts can include road and debris measurements, speed and braking of the vehicles, visual impairments, weather and road conditions, road signs and special features, and sometimes the nature of accident victims' injuries. Information can also come from statements given by the drivers, eyewitnesses, and emergency personnel.