

South Florida Law Firm Retained in the Wake of Fatal Truck Accident

Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A. to Represent the Estate of Driver in High Profile Case

BOCA RATON, Fla.-- May 21, 2007 --Florencio Semidey was just doing his job. When the 59-year old truck driver climbed into the cab of his 1998 tractor trailer early on the morning of Monday, May 14, it was the beginning of the work week. Like many other people heading out on South Florida's roadways that day, Mr. Semidey had enjoyed his time off and was ready to get back to work. It wasn't his weekend that was cut short, it was his life.

Shortly before 8:00 that morning the West Palm Beach resident died in a tragic accident on a notorious stretch of roadway leading from westbound I-595 to the northbound lanes of Florida's Turnpike in Broward County.

The law firm of Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A. has been retained to represent Mr. Semidey's estate. "We intend to thoroughly investigate this matter," Carlos Bodden, a partner in the Boca Raton-based firm and the lead attorney on the case, said, "Our goal is to ensure not only that Mr. Semidey's family gets the answers they deserve but also to ensure that other drivers are not at risk."

Mr. Semidey, who is survived by his wife and daughter, died when his big rig rolled over in an accident on the highway exchange of westbound I-595 to the northbound lanes of Florida's turnpike. He was pronounced dead at the scene. According to the *Miami Herald*, more than half a dozen people had previously lost their lives in similar accidents at the same location since January 2005. In response, the roadway, an on-ramp characterized by sharp turns, has been examined by the Florida Department of Transportation.

Bodden, a graduate of the Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University who specializes in personal injury and wrongful death litigation, will guide a new investigation into the safety of the roadway. He is a member of The Florida Justice Association, The American Association for Justice and the Caribbean Bar Association and is the former Chairman of the Board for the Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches, a not for profit organization dedicated to providing employment opportunities, education and health assistance to impoverished citizens in the community. He was admitted to practice in Florida as a member of the Florida Bar in 1996 and is also admitted to practice in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida and the United States District Court, Middle District Court of Florida.

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