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Reflections of the Year Past



As we begin the New Year, we reflect upon 2009 and the families that we helped get justice and the successes we had in educating our community.

DLG secured settlements and verdicts totaling almost \$8 million dollars in 2009. The total includes a \$3 million settlement litigated by Attorney Yao Dinizulu for eight years, with eight separate defense attorneys that took the case from Virginia to Iowa. The lawsuit was against a government municipality involving the sexual assault of four minors participating in a after school program.

In early 2009 DLG launched an additional website at www.dlg-trucking.com dedicated to providing information on the types and causes of accidents involving large trucks. The Web site includes resources victims and their families need to arm themselves in pursuing justice for the life altering injuries operators and owners of large tractor trailers have inflicted on them and their families.

DLG also became involved in one of the most high-profile news stories in Chicago this year: The Burr Oak Cemetery scandal. DLG was among the first law firms in the city to file legal action on behalf of families touched by the gruesome discovery of literally hundreds of bodies unlawfully exhumed and discarded on the cemetery grounds. To date, DLG represents 151 plaintiffs in the Burr Oak matter, filing complaints against the 24 Defendants that have ties to the beleaguered cemetery.

DLG would like to thank all of you who came out on September 17 for our reception celebration the purchase of our office condo at 220 N. LaSalle, Suite 1100. Our increase capacity is just another way DLG plans to serve you even better in 2010.

DLG to connect through new blog, social networking

In 2009, Attorney Dinizulu was featured in [Black Enterprise magazine's Tech Watch](#) column for his strategic and innovative use of technology to conduct legal research, improve courtroom presentations, and communicate with clients.



In 2010, Dinizulu will step up his efforts to raise DLG's visibility and accessibility by creating a blog to provide information on important cases and to answer questions about legal issues that impact people's everyday lives. The new blog appears at [Innovations In The Law](#). In addition, DLG will maintain a presence on the top social networking



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sites - Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn - to inform the public about seminars and workshops, verdicts and settlements and pertinent legal issues. For innovations in technology, look for DLG on LinkedIn, the top business networking Web site.

Attorney Dinizulu views his increased presence online as a way to help the public stay on top of legal developments and potentially thorny issues that could one day touch their lives.

"For me, technology is a bridge DLG can use to reach our audience and to inform them about the pressing legal issues of the day," Dinizulu said. "Utilizing social networking sites and creating an informative blog that encourages interaction with the public is an extension of DLG's ongoing commitment to remain on the cutting edge of technology in the field of law."

If you haven't already, connect with Yao on Facebook via the Dinizulu Law Group, Ltd's Fan Page -- and start receiving regular updates about what's going on at DLG.

[Our New Website](#)

Does the Weight of a Truck Matter?

Americans share the interstate with large trucks carrying automobiles, livestock, timber, oil, and or other consumer goods. How these tractor trailers are loaded and the amount of its load plays a major role in the security of our roads. Freight can shift and/or weigh down a truck, making the truck difficult to control.

Weight is specifically critical because heavily laden vehicles have the tendency to slow down traffic and cause accidents -- the heavier the truck, the greater the impact of a collision and the more serious the accident. When overloading of trucks does occur, the ratio of the braking load is reduced in proportion to the amount of the overload, resulting in a lower deceleration rate, or an increase in the distance in which the trucks can be stopped, which has a tendency to cause collisions with other vehicles.

Federal and state regulations set maximum weight of a truck that includes the weight of the tractor, the trailer, and the freight that it is carrying. Trucks are required to stop and are monitored at weigh stations, a checkpoint along a highway to inspect weight. If overloaded the truck is required to pull over for additional inspection.

Regulation is critical because overloading and improperly loaded trucks can contribute to fatal accidents. In the October 2009 report of large truck crash facts of 2008, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration reported 4,017 fatal large truck accidents, of which 21 crashes had resulted from overloading, improperly loading, and carrying hazardous cargo improperly.

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