



## Press Release

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### **AGNEWBRUSAVICH FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST CALIFORNIA AND NEWPORT BEACH FOR DANGEROUS INTERSECTION KILLING OLYMPIC CYCLIST'S WIFE**

*--Stretch of Pacific Coast Highway contributed to the death of Paul Deem's wife and many others --*

**ORANGE COUNTY, CA** -- [AgnewBrusavich](#), a Torrance-based personal injury law firm, filed a lawsuit on behalf of Olympic cyclist Paul Deem over the death of his wife, Debra Healy Deem, who was killed on August 27, 2013 while riding her bicycle northbound on California's Pacific Coast Highway. At approximately 1:30 P.M., motorist Robert James Anderson was making a right-hand turn onto Newport Coast Drive when he struck and killed Mrs. Deem. The lawsuit alleges that the State of California and the City of Newport Beach was negligent in maintaining that particular stretch of the highway and aims to make this intersection safer for bicyclists and motorists.

In the September 2014 criminal proceeding, an Orange County jury failed to convict the driver of manslaughter and negligence.

"The bicycle lane on this particular stretch of Pacific Coast Highway disappears, which forces motorists to use their judgment as to where the lanes of separation are," said AgnewBrusavich partner, [Bruce M. Brusavich](#). "All the other intersections on Pacific Coast Highway in Newport Beach have bike lane continuations through the intersection. It's unacceptable that such a dangerous intersection still exists."

Mr. Deem, an avid cyclist and Olympian who holds multiple records, retired from racing and opened two bicycle shops in Orange County; [Cycle Werks](#) in Costa Mesa and San Clemente. Also an advocate for the cycling community, he hopes this lawsuit will help improve the safety of this stretch of Pacific Coast Highway.

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### **AgnewBrusavich**

*Founded in 1984, AgnewBrusavich represents those who have suffered serious personal injuries or the families of those who have been wrongfully killed from bicycle and vehicular accidents, medical malpractice, defective products, construction accidents, premises, elder abuse and other acts of negligence.*

### **CalBikeLaw**

*AgnewBrusavich established CalBikeLaw to help victims and families of those killed in bicycle accidents in the South Bay area and throughout California. The attorneys have represented many victims of bicycle accidents caused by vehicles, dangerous conditions of roadways and defective products, and delivers a personal familiarity with cycling to their clients.*

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