

# **William Wise v. Dustin Henderson and Hawkins Computers, Inc.**

Professor William Wise was a pedestrian crossing the street when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Dustin Henderson. The vehicle was owned by Hawkins Computers, Inc. Professor Wise is a history professor at Pellissippi State Community College. The accident occurred on May 3, 2023, at the intersection of Liberty Street and Sutherland Avenue in Knoxville, TN at approximately 3:30 p.m. Professor Wise was walking in an easterly direction across Sutherland Avenue at the intersection with Liberty Street.

Dustin Henderson was driving a black 2020 Honda Accord in a southerly direction on Liberty Street when he struck Professor Wise, causing him serious injuries. The vehicle driven by Mr. Henderson was owned by Hawkins Computers, Inc. At the time of the accident, Mr. Henderson was performing duties for and acting on behalf of his employer, Hawkins Computers, Inc. He was supposed to be performing service on a computer network system for a law firm on Cumberland Avenue, which is about 20 miles east of where the accident occurred. Mr. Henderson needed to drop off personal documents to the Federal Defender's office, which is located on Liberty Street. Then, he was going to his appointment at the law firm. He was texting his supervisor to let him know that he would be a few minutes late to the appointment. Mr. Henderson admits to hitting Professor Wise, but claims he was walking across Sutherland Avenue when he did not have the appropriate walking signal for traffic.

Professor Wise was transported to UT Medical Center. He has suffered severe and permanent injuries. He has experienced and will continue to experience in the future great pain and suffering, both mental and physical. Further, he will have permanent partial and mental disability, loss of earning capacity, and loss of capacity to enjoy life.