



# **HOLMES & WISELEY, P.C.** **LAWYERS TO TRUCK DRIVERS AND THEIR COMPANIES**

***IT PAYS TO BE SAFE***  
***No. 51, December, 2009***  
***The Ten Commandments of the***  
***Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act***

Going into the new year is a perfect time to review the key portions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act. Let's face it--the FMCSA is a huge document and no truck driver or dispatcher could memorize every line and word. However, we at Holmes & Wiseley, P.C., have been teaching "The 10 Commandments" for nearly 20 years. These are the 10 key sections of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act; if you know them, then you know how to operate a safe truck and a safe trucking company. It is vitally important that each of you begin the new year with a review of the following 10 rules:

1. 49 CFR 382            Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing
2. 49 CFR 383            CDL Standards, Requirements and Penalties
3. 49 CFR 385            Safety and Fitness
4. 49 CFR 387            Minimum Levels of Financial Responsibility
5. 49 CFR 390.5          Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations
6. 49 CFR 391            Qualification of Drivers
7. 49 CFR 392            Driving of Motor Vehicle
8. 49 CFR 393            Parts and Accessories
9. 49 CFR 395            Driver's Hours of Service
10. 49 CFR 396          Inspection, Repair, Maintenance

Take the time before the New Year to pick up that Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act in your truck or on your desk and read these 10 sections. By doing so, you will be ready for a happy and a safe New Year.

God bless you and your families from all of us here at Holmes & Wiseley, P.C., and remember, it always **pays to be safe!**