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Oh Deer!

How to Stay Safe on South Dakota's Roads This Fall

Deer collisions are not always serious accidents. However, it is estimated that almost 200 deaths are caused by over 1 million deer collisions each year. Deer are most active October through December, so seeing deer during the fall is common.

Here are a few tips to staying safe on South Dakota's roads during peak deer season:

- Drive the speed limit. It is much easier to slow down when you are obeying the speed limits.
- Wear a seatbelt. Wear a seatbelt. This is so important, we'll say it twice. Plus, it's also the law in South Dakota.

- Keep control of your vehicle. Swerving to avoid a deer is dangerous. You must keep control of your vehicle at all times.
- Watch for their eyes. Deer have eyes that reflect light, so if you are an attentive driver, you may be able to spot them on the side of the road.

If you are unfortunate enough to hit a deer, stay calm and assess the damage. If you are injured or your car is damaged and undriveable, call 911.



Jake Fischer Appointed to South Dakota Bar Association's 2016-2017 Agricultural Law Committee

Jake Fischer of Swier Law Firm was recently appointed to serve on the South Dakota Bar Association's 2016-2017 Agricultural Law Committee.

The State Bar Association's Agricultural Law Committee provides leadership in identifying and addressing current and emerging issues of importance to the agricultural community, monitors proposed and pending legislation, and assembles and disseminates information to public officials and members of the general public.

Jake is the author of the books *Agricultural Law in South Dakota* and *Estate Planning for Farmers and Ranchers in South Dakota*.



Brooke Schloss Appointed to South Dakota Bar Association's 2016-2017 Family Law Committee

Brooke Schloss of Swier Law Firm was recently appointed to serve on the South Dakota Bar Association's 2016-2017 Family Law Committee.

The State Bar Association's Family Law Committee maintains and improves the practice of family law through effective interaction with the courts and by informing lawyers and the public of current legislation and regulations. The Family Law Committee focuses on all matters relating to marriage, dissolution, custody and support, and adoptions.

Brooke was recently named by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys as a "Top 10 Attorney Under the Age of 40" and is the author of the books *The South Dakota Child Custody and Divorce Handbook* and *15 Tips for Choosing a South Dakota Divorce Lawyer*.



Swier Law Firm Sponsors 2016 South Dakota Law Review Wine Review

Swier Law Firm is pleased to announce its sponsorship of the *South Dakota Law Review's* 2016 Wine Review.

Each year, the *South Dakota Law Review* hosts an evening of wines, food, and fellowship for a distinguished member of South Dakota's legal profession. This year's Distinguished Alumni Award presentation will be held on Friday, October 28, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Chef Dominique's, 230 South Phillips Avenue in Sioux Falls.

"This sponsorship with the *South Dakota Law Review* is a great fit for our law firm on a number of levels, including the fact that several of our attorneys served on the Law Review's Board of Editors while attending USD," said Scott Swier. "The current Board of Editors' commitment and passion for this event has resulted in our law firm's loyal support for the *Law Review* and its continuing efforts to recognize the leaders of our profession."



We appreciate and value you as a friend of Swier Law Firm, and we would appreciate hearing your feedback on how we are doing! Please take a minute to review us on Google so that we can better serve you in the future! Just log into your Google account, [click here](#) and click on the pencil or "write a review." Thank you in advance for your time!

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