

A white Lucosky Brookman garbage truck is shown from a side profile, partially obscured by a large blue rectangular overlay. The truck has a large rear compartment and multiple axles. The word "sanitation" is visible on the side of the cab. The blue overlay covers most of the image, and the text "CASE SUMMARIES" is centered in white.

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New York / Southern District
Court permits motor carrier's claims over New York City's migrant transportation lawsuit to proceed in part.

Roadrunner Charters, Inc. v. N.Y.C., 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 165442 (S.D.N.Y. July 27, 2026)

The Southern District of New York granted in part and denied in part New York City's motion to dismiss claims brought by an interstate motor carrier arising from the City's lawsuit challenging Texas' migrant transportation program. Roadrunner alleged the City's underlying action forced it to terminate its transportation contract with Texas after facing potential liability exceeding \$700 million. Although the Court dismissed certain constitutional claims, it allowed portions of the carrier's tort claims to proceed, concluding the complaint plausibly alleged interference with its contractual and business relationships. The decision highlights the legal challenges that may arise when government action affects interstate motor carriers operating under public transportation contracts.

New Jersey / District of New Jersey
Court compels London arbitration of cargo insurance dispute despite related Carmack Amendment claim.

LX Pantos Am., Inc. v. AGX Freight Logistics, LLC, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 163439 (D.N.J. July 23, 2026)

The District of New Jersey granted an insurer's motion to compel arbitration, holding that a freight forwarder's breach of contract claim under a contingent cargo insurance policy was subject to the policy's mandatory arbitration provision. The dispute arose after twenty-five shipments valued at more than \$3.4 million were allegedly lost under a broker transportation agreement. Although the plaintiff argued its insurance claim was inseparable from its non-arbitrable Carmack Amendment claim against the broker, the Court concluded the coverage dispute arose independently under the policy and fell within the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. The decision reinforces the enforceability of international arbitration clauses in transportation insurance agreements.

Pennsylvania / Middle District
Court allows punitive damages claims to proceed against trucking company following construction zone collision.

Haines v. Brown, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 159018 (M.D. Pa. July 17, 2026)

The Middle District of Pennsylvania denied a trucking company's motion for partial summary judgment, allowing punitive damages claims to proceed following a multi-vehicle collision in a highway construction zone. The plaintiff alleged the tractor-trailer driver failed to recognize advance warning signs and struck stopped traffic, while also asserting the carrier maintained deficient hiring, training, and supervision practices. The Court found genuine issues of material fact regarding whether the driver's conduct and the company's safety practices demonstrated reckless indifference sufficient to support punitive damages under Pennsylvania law. Because a reasonable jury could conclude the defendants acted with conscious disregard for the safety of others, the Court held the claims should be resolved at trial.