



**Communication and Integrity  
in  
Products Liability**

**The Bent Trailer Hitch**



- Accident occurs when truck pulling a full trailer goes out of control and destroys both vehicles
- Initial claim indicates that the failure occurred at "possible" suspect welds in the hitch assembly. Final analysis above shows almost a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " bow near the end of the hefty  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square cross section (as shown above)- this bend occurred as the weld deformed and bent through the accident cycle indicating adequate weld strength
- The matter would have been litigated based upon issues with driver competence and other conditions

**Attorney Referral**

I found your analysis of my client's problem to be most helpful and your ability to simply describe the problem and the lack of a significant defect within the product to be entirely consistent with a reasoned and scientific approach to the issue pre-entered.

Your co-operation and willingness to assist me in preparing the appropriate calculations for the cross examination of the adverse expert is again truly appreciated and certainly the discovery deposition which you gave was both concise and clear.