Autonomous Vehicles & Car Accident Liability

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Liability Rules in Car Accidents

- Negligence: requires proof that damages were caused due to someone’s fault
- Strict liability: no proof of fault required. Liability is determined based on objective criteria. The hitter pays for all damages.
- (No fault: damages are divided by all insurance companies such that each party is responsible for her own damages)
Autonomous Vehicles Law and Policy – Some Recommendations:

- Change negligence rules to strict liability, at least where an autonomous vehicle is involved.
- Apply uninsured motorist laws explicitly to autonomous vehicles.
- Reassess criminal liability laws as they pertain to autonomous vehicles.
Thank you!

Questions?

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