



What Road Lies Ahead For Driverless Cars? *Westlaw Journal Automotive, by Tad Devlin & Aaron Cargain*

Tad Devlin & Aaron Cargain of Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck analyze advances in the technology for self-driving automobiles and what they mean for legislatures, consumers and insurers.

The transition from manually operated to autonomously (self-operating) driving vehicles appears all but certain, and it is expected to occur in the relatively near future. Industry experts believe vehicles will become fully self-driving — requiring no human intervention — within the next 15 to 25 years. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety anticipates there will be 3.5 million self-driving cars on the road by 2025, and 4.5 million by 2030.

Several major automobile manufacturers have implemented autonomous driving features such as front crash prevention technology, resulting in marked reductions in accidents when compared with similar vehicles without the technology. Other key players in the industry, including Google, seek to roll out self-operating vehicles.