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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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SETTLEMENT—Driver rear-ended while stopped at red light

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Rear-End/Parked/Stalled/Stopped Vehicle

No COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Grenham v. Varela. Settlement date: 9/30/2005.

SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

COUNSEL

Plaintiff: **Scott J. Corwin, Law Offices of Scott J. Corwin, Los Angeles.**

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On March 21, 2005, plaintiff Sheila Grenham, a 61-year-old sales consultant, was driving east on one-lane Gumtree Lane in Fallbrook at about 20 mph. She stopped for a red light and was rear-ended by an SUV driven by defendant Donnella Varela.

Defendant admitted liability, but disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's injuries.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Cervical and lumbar strain and sprain requiring physical therapy. An MRI of the left knee revealed a medial meniscal tear, lateral meniscal tear, and a cruciate ligament tear. An MRI of the right knee revealed a torn anterior cruciate ligament and a macerated medial meniscus. Plaintiff's orthopedic surgeon recommended bilateral total knee replacement surgeries.

Defendant argued that the MRIs of both knees demonstrated a longstanding degenerative process. Also, plaintiff was over 120 pounds overweight and had been scheduled for gastric bypass surgery. Plaintiff disputed defendant's contentions, pointing out that her medical records for the previous 10 years showed only minor knee complaints.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$13,479 past medical; \$100,000 future medical.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Demand: \$100,000 (policy limits). Offer: Not reported.

EXPERTS

None.

COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The insurance carrier was 21st Century.