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**SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$110,000**

## VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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### SETTLEMENT—Driver injured in collision with city bus

#### VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Signal Violation/Left Turn/Bus

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

*Marsh v. City of Torrance*, No. YC029480, Torrance.  
Settlement date: 6/4/1997.

**SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$110,000**

#### COUNSEL

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

Defendant: None.

#### FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On November 29, 1996, at approximately 1:30 p.m., plaintiff Marsh, a 70-year-old widow, was traveling westbound on 190th Street, making a left turn on the green arrow when defendant City of Torrance's municipal bus, traveling northbound on Hawthorne Blvd., ran the red light and collided with plaintiff's vehicle.

Plaintiff was extracted from her vehicle by the fire department and transported to the hospital. Plaintiff brought this action against defendant city based on a negligence theory of recovery.

Plaintiff alleged that defendant's driver was negligent in the operation of a motor vehicle.

The City disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's claimed injuries, and disputed whether surgery was required.

#### CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff alleged she sustained cervical strain, lumbar strain, a left rib cage contusion, concussion syndrome, and a complete shoulder rotator cuff tear that will require surgery.

#### CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$16,670 past medical.

#### SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff made a settlement demand for \$125,000. The City made an initial settlement offer of \$77,500, increased to \$100,000, and then \$110,000.

#### EXPERTS

Plaintiff: Gerald Fein, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, Torrance.  
Defendant: None.

#### COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The settlement was reached approximately one month after the case was filed.

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