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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

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SETTLEMENT—Driver rear-ended at stoplight by drunk driver

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Rear-End/Parked/Stalled/Stopped Vehicle/Impaired Driver: Alcohol/Intersection

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Ng v. Kagramanyan, No. BC296782, Downtown.
Settlement date: 6/3/2003.

SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: Jeffrey E. Zinder, Zinder & Park, North Hollywood.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff Ng, a 40-year-old estate manager, was traveling eastbound on Cahuenga Boulevard in Los Angeles when he came to a stop for a red light at Oakhurst Boulevard and was rear-ended by defendant Kagramanyan. Defendant was arrested at the scene by the LAPD for driving under the influence of alcohol. Defendant later pled nolo contendere to those charges.

Plaintiff alleged that defendant would be subject to punitive damages for causing the accident while driving under the influence of alcohol.

The property damage to plaintiff's vehicle was extremely minor, approximately \$2,000.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained cervical and lumbar strain and sprain injuries, which required physical therapy. Plaintiff also sustained an MRI-demonstrated left knee semi-complex oblique tear of the posterior horn and body of the medial meniscus. The MRI also demonstrated moderate medial chondromalacia. Plaintiff underwent surgical repair in the form of a medial meniscectomy.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$43,049 medical.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff demanded the available \$100,000 policy limits. Defendant refused to make any offers and requested an IME before plaintiff was to have surgery. Plaintiff underwent surgery before defendant had an opportunity to conduct an IME. Ten days after the deposition of plaintiff's orthopedic surgeon, defendant tendered the policy limits.

EXPERTS

None.

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