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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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SETTLEMENT—Plaintiff injured in collision when sixteen-year-old driver runs stop sign

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Stop Sign/Rollover/
Excessive Speed/Intersection

No COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Eastwood v. Spelic. Settlement date: 9/29/2006.

SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: Jeffery D. Lim, Hager & Dowling, Torrance.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On January 27, 2006, plaintiff Cynthia Eastwood, a 47-year-old procurement agent for a defense contractor, was in her 2005 Honda SUV heading southbound on San Anseline Ave. in the number one lane of one lane, in Lakewood. Defendant Kyle Spelic, a 16-year-old inexperienced driver, was in his 1993 Honda traveling eastbound on Tillbury Street in the number one lane. Defendant ran the stop sign at San Anseline Ave. and collided with plaintiff's vehicle causing plaintiff's vehicle to rollover. Defendant's vehicle left heavy skid marks evidencing his high rate of speed prior to the collision.

Plaintiff alleged that defendant motorist was negligent in the operation of his motor vehicle and that all of her claimed injuries were a direct result of the accident.

Defendant accepted liability but disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's claimed injuries. Defendant contended that plaintiff's disk protrusions were minor and did not require surgery and probably were pre-existing.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained cervical and lumbar strain and sprain injuries requiring physical therapy. Plaintiff had a cervical MRI which revealed a 3 mm disk protrusion at C3-C4, and a 3 mm disk protrusion at C4-C5. Plaintiff may require a cervical anterior discectomy and fusion in the future.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$17,042 past medical; \$40,000 future medical; \$2,979 lost income.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff demanded defendant's \$100,000 policy limits, which were ultimately tendered.

EXPERTS

None.

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