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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$105,000

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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SETTLEMENT—Driver injured in collision when defendant driver runs red light

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Signal Violation/
Intersection

NO COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Wagner v. Reyes. Settlement date: 2/16/2005.

SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$105,000

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On November 26, 2004, plaintiff Wagner, a 51-year-old teacher, was traveling southbound on Ninth Street in the number one lane and entered the intersection at Orangewood with a green light, when defendant Reyes, who was eastbound on Orangewood, ran the red light and hit her vehicle.

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

Defendant admitted liability but disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's claimed injuries and the need for plaintiff's claimed surgery.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained fractures to three fingers of her left hand; she had outpatient pinning surgery to the middle finger. She also sustained left knee and left rib contusions. Plaintiff may require future surgery to her middle finger.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$20,018 past medical; \$12,000 future medical.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff demanded the third party defendant's \$15,000 policy limits, which were promptly tendered. Plaintiff demanded and the underinsured motorist third party carrier tendered its \$85,000 policy limits and \$5,000 in medical payments coverage.

EXPERTS

None.

COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The case settled without the need for filing of a lawsuit.