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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$161,609

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VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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Motorcyclist injured when struck by left-turning vehicle

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motorcycle/Left Turn/Intersection

NO COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Gray v. Baldwin, Trial type: Settlement. Settlement date: 10/5/2011.

SETTLEMENT: \$161,609

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On August 27, 2010, plaintiff Marc Gray, an operations manager, was driving a 2008 Yamaha motorcycle eastbound on Snell Road in the #1 lane in Milan, Michigan. As plaintiff entered the intersection at Townsend Road, defendant Michael Baldwin, driving a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado westbound on Snell in the #1 lane, made a left turn in front of plaintiff's motorcycle, causing the collision.

Plaintiff alleged that defendant was negligent in the operation of his vehicle and that all of plaintiff's claimed injuries were a direct result of said negligence. Defendant accepted liability but disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's claimed injuries.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff was transported by ambulance to the hospital and was hospitalized for three days. Plaintiff sustained a right thumb fracture, left rib fracture, right thumb ligament tears, and cervical, thoracic, and lumbar strain and sprain injuries that were treated conservatively by physical therapy. Plaintiff underwent a right scaphoid ORIF surgery, from which he made a good recovery.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$34,132 past medical; \$52,477 loss of earnings.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Michigan is a no-fault state, so plaintiff's \$34,132 in medical bills were paid by defendant's insurer. The case settled for the reported \$127,477 in new money paid, in addition to the \$34,132 in medical bills previously paid.

EXPERTS

None.

COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The insurance carrier was State Farm; the adjuster was Sandy Miller.