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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$121,300

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Signal violation causes intersection collision, back injuries

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Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Signal Violation/Intersection

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Lusic v. Pirnazar, Docket number: YC055761, Torrance.
Judge: Cary H. Nishimoto. Trial type: Settlement.
Settlement date: 3/9/2008.

SETTLEMENT: \$121,300

COUNSEL

Plaintiff: Scott J. Corwin, A Professional Law Corporation, Los Angeles.

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On November 5, 2005, plaintiff Michael Lusic, a 30-year-old longshoreman, was driving his 2005 Mercedes C230 west on Palos Verdes proceeding through the intersection at Hawthorne Boulevard in Rolling Hills Estates. Defendant Pirnazar was driving in his 2001 Toyota Camry and ran the red light on Hawthorne while traveling south and collided with plaintiff's vehicle.

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

Defendant admitted liability but disputed the nature, extent, and causation of plaintiff's claimed injuries.

Defendant contended plaintiff worked as a longshoreman and that any claimed cervical disc injury was a result of his employment as a longshoreman.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained cervical, thoracic, and lumbar strain and sprain injuries that were treated conservatively with physical therapy. A cervical MRI study demonstrated plaintiff had a 3 mm disc protrusion at C5-C6 with nerve root compression.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$22,090 medical; \$7,329 loss of earnings.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

Not reported.

EXPERTS

Plaintiff: None.

Defendant: Hillel Sperling, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, Encino (818) 906-0177.

COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The complaint was filed on August 20, 2007.

The insurance carrier was Automobile Club of Southern California; the insurance adjuster was Vincent E. Fisher Jr.

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