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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

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## VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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**Driver rear-ended in stop-and-go traffic on freeway**

### VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Rear-End/Interstate/  
Freeway

### NO COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

*Ghelani v. Karimighovanlou*, Trial type: Settlement. Settlement Date: 2/16/2011.

**SETTLEMENT: \$100,000**

### COUNSEL

Plaintiff: Scott J. Corwin, Scott J. Corwin, A Professional Law Corporation, Los Angeles.  
Defendant: None.

### FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On September 30, 2010, plaintiff Mansoor Ghelani, a 56-year-old owner of a commercial air conditioning company, was driving a 2011 Mercedes eastbound on the I-10 freeway in the #4 lane in stop-and-go traffic. Plaintiff slowed down for traffic ahead, when defendant Armirgholi Karimighovanlou, who was driving a 2002 Volvo eastbound in the #4 lane rear-ended plaintiff's vehicle. The accident occurred in the City of El Monte.

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 extend of plaintiff's claimed injuries.

### CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained cervical strain and sprain injuries that were treated conservatively by physical therapy and several fractured teeth treated by a dentist with crowns. Due to ongoing symptoms, plaintiff underwent a cervical MRI that revealed a 3mm disc protrusion at C6-C7.

### CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$15,665 medical.

### SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff demanded defendant's \$100,000 policy. Defendant initially offered nothing. The policy limits were ultimately tendered.

### EXPERTS

None

### COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The insurance carrier was Automobile Club of Southern California; the adjuster was Debbie Stiltz.

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