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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

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SETTLEMENT—Plaintiff rear-ended by drunk driver while stopped at red light

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Rear-End/Parked/Stalled/Stopped Vehicle/Impaired Driver: Alcohol

No COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Fajardo v. Yanaga. Settlement date: 5/23/2001.

SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On November 27, 2000, plaintiff, a 62-year-old security officer, was traveling eastbound on El Segundo Boulevard in the number one of three lanes. He stopped for a red light when defendant, who was also eastbound on El Segundo in the number one lane, rear-ended plaintiff's vehicle. Defendant was driving under the influence of alcohol and fled the scene, hitting another vehicle. Defendant was arrested for DUI.

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

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained cervical and lumbar strain and sprain injuries, requiring physical therapy, an L5-S1 disk bulge with a 3-4 mm diffuse bulging, and underwent a successful series of three epidural steroid injections, left shoulder impingement syndrome, requiring a future left shoulder arthroscopic subacromial decompression and gleno-humeral debridement.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$38,694 past medical; \$25,000 future medical; \$8,640 loss of earnings.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff demanded \$100,000 (policy limits), which was tendered within nine days of the demand.

EXPERTS

None.

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