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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

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## MOTOR VEHICLE

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### Rear-ended motorist claims back injuries

#### VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Rear-End/Parked/  
Stalled/Stopped Vehicle/Chain Reaction Collision

#### NO COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Sanchez v. Robles, Docket number: Not reported. Judge:  
Not reported. Trial type: Settlement. Settlement date:  
9/23/2013.

#### SETTLEMENT: \$100,000

\$100,000 to plaintiff for damages

#### COUNSEL

Plaintiff: Scott J. Corwin, Law Offices of Scott J. Corwin,  
Los Angeles.  
Defendant: None.

#### FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On March 8, 2013, plaintiff Teresa Sanchez, a 26-year-old office assistant, was driving a 2004 Dodge Dakota west on Newport Road, and was stopped for traffic in the city of Menifee, Calif. Defendant Anthony Robles, who was driving a 1998 Volvo S70 west on Newport Road, reportedly rear-ended plaintiff's vehicle and pushed it into the vehicle in front of plaintiff.

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

Defendants accepted liability but disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's claimed injuries.

#### CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained cervical and lumbar strains and sprains that were treated with physical therapy. Plaintiff had a lumbar MRI that revealed a 4-mm L4-L5 disc protrusion. Due to ongoing lumbar pain, plaintiff underwent three lumbar epidural injections. Plaintiff was allegedly a candidate for surgery in the form of a lumbar laminectomy and discectomy.

#### CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$24,707 past medical; \$50,000 future medical.

#### SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

Not reported.

#### EXPERTS

None.

#### COMMENTS

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

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