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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$185,000

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SETTLEMENT—Driver injured in T-bone rollover collision

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Broadside/Intersection/
Rollover

No COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Rodriguez v. Hartford. Settlement date: 9/9/2004.

SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$185,000

\$180,000, plus \$5,000 in medical payments.

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On April 26, 2004, plaintiff Rodriguez, a 42-year-old handyman, driving his employer's flatbed truck while off duty, was struck in a T-bone intersection accident by defendant, an uninsured motorist, causing plaintiff's vehicle to roll over.

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

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

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff was transported by paramedics to Centinela Hospital. He sustained an FDS avulsion at the base of the middle phalanx of the right long finger, requiring physical therapy and hand surgery to repair the damaged tendon. Plaintiff claimed that he would not regain full use of his finger. Plaintiff also sustained strain and sprain injuries to his neck and back, requiring several months of physical therapy. Plaintiff fully recovered from his neck and back injuries. Plaintiff missed approximately two months of work as a result of his disability.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$35,218 medical; \$5,557 loss of earnings.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff demanded \$350,000. Defendant initially offered \$85,000 and increased its offer to \$150,000.

EXPERTS

None.

COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The insurance carrier was Hartford.