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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$110,000

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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SETTLEMENT—Stopped driver rear-ended and pushed into car ahead of him

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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

No COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Woodburn v. Thornton. Settlement date: 6/17/2002.

SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$110,000

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On November 30, 2001, plaintiff Woodburn, a 37-year-old supervisor for a security company, was traveling southbound on I-5. He was off-duty at the time. When plaintiff reached the split in the road at I-170, the vehicle in front of plaintiff came to a sudden stop. Plaintiff stopped and was rear-ended by defendant Thornton, who pushed plaintiff's vehicle into the car in front of it.

Defendant admitted liability 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, a 4 mm L4-L5 disk protrusion, requiring three epidural steroid injections. Plaintiff may require a future lumbar laminectomy and discectomy. Plaintiff also sustained a cracked tooth and TMS syndrome, requiring dental treatment.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$26,479 medical.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Demand: \$50,000 third-party's policy limits, which were tendered. Plaintiff also demanded his underinsured motorist limits of \$50,000 additional in coverage, which were also tendered. Plaintiff additionally received \$5,000 in medical payments coverage from his personal automobile policy and an additional \$5,000 in medical payments coverage from the UIM policy.

EXPERTS

None.

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