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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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Motorist rear-ends car in traffic, setting off chain-reaction collision

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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

No COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Stanescu v. Hugginson, Trial type: Settlement. Settlement date: 11/20/2009.

SETTLEMENT: \$100,000

Plaintiff received \$100,000 policy limits.

COUNSEL

Plaintiff: Scott J. Corwin, A Professional Law Corporation, Los Angeles.

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On August 7, 2007, plaintiff Lucian Stanescu, a 52-year-old engineer, was driving his 1995 Mercedes E320 west on Soledad Canyon Road when traffic slowed and then came to a complete stop. Defendant Hugginson, driving in his 1990 Volvo 240 wagon, was unable to stop, and struck another vehicle that was pushed into the rear of plaintiff's vehicle.

Plaintiff alleged defendant was negligent in the operation of a motor vehicle and that all of plaintiff's claimed injuries were a direct result of the subject motor vehicle accident. Defendant accepted liability but disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's claimed injuries and the need for future shoulder surgery.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff suffered injury to his neck, back, and right shoulder, requiring physical therapy. A right shoulder MRI demonstrated a full thickness rotator cuff tear, which may require surgery in the future.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$8,293 past medical; \$28,000 future medical.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

Not reported.

EXPERTS

None.

COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The insurance carrier was The Hartford. The insurance adjuster was Kristina Raisanen.

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