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**SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$72,500**

## INSURANCE

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### **SETTLEMENT—Motorist brings suit against her insurer after collision with uninsured driver**

#### **INSURANCE**

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist/Automobile Policy

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Parked/Stalled/Stopped Vehicle

#### **No COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT**

*Thompson v. Farmers Insurance*. Settlement date: 3/16/2006.

**SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$72,500**

#### **COUNSEL**

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

Defendant: None.

#### **FACTS/CONTENTIONS**

According to plaintiff: On September 15, 2005, plaintiff Carrie Thompson, a 20-year-old assistant manager, was driving a 2005 Saab, traveling westbound on Pico Blvd. in the number two of the two-lane roadway in Los Angeles. Defendant uninsured motorist, who was driving a Ford Mustang, was also traveling westbound on Pico Blvd. in the number two lane. Defendant rear-ended plaintiff after she stopped for traffic.

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

The respondent uninsured motorist carrier, Farmers Insurance, accepted liability, but argued that this was a minor impact accident and that plaintiff did not require surgery.

Plaintiff's vehicle had less than \$2,000 in property damage.

#### **CLAIMED INJURIES**

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained cervical and lumbar strains & sprains, requiring physical therapy. Plaintiff also sustained traumatic impingement syndrome and may be a candidate for left shoulder arthroscopic subacromial decompression in the future.

#### **CLAIMED DAMAGES**

According to plaintiff: \$8,297 past medical; \$20,000 future medical.

#### **SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS**

Not reported.

#### **EXPERTS**

None.

#### **COMMENTS**

According to plaintiff: The adjuster for Farmers Insurance was Seta Ahmaranian.

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