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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$110.000

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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Driver loses control, strikes tree, injuring passengers

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Sole Vehicle/Excessive Speed/Passenger

No Court/Unfiled Settlement

de la Sota v. Armedariz, Trial type: Settlement. Settlement date: 12/15/2009.

SETTLEMENT: \$110,000

Defendant paid the available \$100,000 liability policy limits (\$50,000 per person) in settlement of the claims, plus an additional \$5,000 each in medical payments coverage.

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: Albert DiRocco, Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley & Jennett. Los Angeles.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On August 31, 2009, plaintiffs Elyse de la Sota as front passenger and Lindsay Schoepf as rear passenger, 17- and 18-year-old students, were passengers in defendant Armedariz's 1994 Mercury Cougar vehicle that was traveling west on Claraday Street in Glendora, California. Defendant was driving too fast and lost control of the vehicle, hitting a tree.

Plaintiffs 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 admitted liability.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff de la Sota: Left wrist fracture; jaw fracture.

Plaintiff Schoepf: Left ankle fracture; concussion.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff de la Sota: \$7,749 medical expenses.

Plaintiff Schoepf: \$6,319 medical expenses.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

Not reported.

EXPERTS

None.

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