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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$200,000

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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SETTLEMENT—Husband and wife injured in collision with vehicle that ran a red light

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Broadside/Intersection/
Signal Violation

No COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Avazian v. Factor. Settlement date: 8/19/2003.

SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$200,000

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On March 10, 2003, plaintiffs, an 82-year-old and 86-year-old retired wife and husband, were traveling in their Cadillac westbound on Colorado Avenue. Plaintiffs' vehicle entered the intersection with 14th Street on a green light, when defendant, who was traveling northbound on 14th Street, ran the red light and broadsided plaintiffs' vehicle in the intersection.

Defendant disputed liability and the nature and extent of plaintiffs' claimed injuries. Defendant contended that plaintiff husband had chronic lower back pain, which was the cause of all of his present complaints. Defendant further contended that he did not require future surgery. Defendant contended that plaintiff wife did not sustain major injuries and that a subsequent MRI failed to show a fracture. Defendant further contended that plaintiff wife made a full recovery and did not require future knee surgery.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff husband sustained cervical and lumbar sprain and strain, requiring physical therapy. An MRI revealed disk protrusions at L2-L3 measuring 5 mm and L3-L4 measuring 4 mm. Plaintiff husband may need a lower back laminectomy and fusion surgery in the future. Plaintiff wife sustained a left patella fracture and left elbow contusion, requiring physical therapy. Plaintiff wife may need future surgery consisting of arthroscopic debridement of the left knee.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: Husband: \$8,901 past medical; \$45,000 future medical. Wife: \$10,142 past medical; \$25,000 future medical.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiffs demanded defendant's policy limits of \$200,000, which were ultimately tendered.

EXPERTS

None.

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