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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$125,000

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VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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Driver injured in rollover collision

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Rollover/Right-of-Way/
Interstate/Freeway

NO COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Caldwell v. Corman, Trial type: Settlement. Settlement
date: 11/11/2011.

SETTLEMENT: \$125,000

COUNSEL

Plaintiff: Scott J. Corwin, Law Offices of Scott J.
Corwin, Los Angeles.
Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On February 21, 2011, plaintiff James Caldwell, a 23-year-old lacrosse coach, was driving a 1997 Honda Accord northbound on I-5 in the #1 lane in Irvine, California. As plaintiff was driving in the #1 lane, defendant Eugene Corman, who was driving a 2010 Mercedes E550 northbound on I-5, was stopped in the center gore point and suddenly pulled out in front of plaintiff, who was traveling at 65 mph, resulting in a rollover collision of plaintiff's vehicle.

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 said negligence. Defendant accepted liability but disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's claimed injuries.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained cervical, lumbar, and right shoulder strain and sprain injuries that were treated conservatively by physical therapy. Due to ongoing right shoulder pain, plaintiff underwent a right shoulder MRI that revealed a fracture dislocation with non-union and widening of the AC joint. Plaintiff underwent surgery in the form of an open right distal clavicle excision and excision of a large non-united fracture fragment, right distal clavicle.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$38,408 medical; \$5,000 loss of earnings.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

Not reported.

EXPERTS

None.

COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The insurance carrier was Firemans Fund; the adjuster was Elaine Epstein.

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