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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$170,000

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

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SETTLEMENT—Big rig broadsides plaintiff's vehicle

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Broadside/Left Turn/Truck

NO COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Arnold v. Portillo, No. SC059328. Settlement date: 6/2/2000.

SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$170,000

The case was mediated before Judge Irwin Nebron, resulting in the reported settlement. The case settled approximately eight months after the filing of the lawsuit.

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: Peter W. Felchlin, Sherlock, Sinatra & Felchlin, Los Angeles.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On January 22, 1999, plaintiff, a 24-year-old graphic designer, was traveling eastbound on Washington Blvd. in the left turn lane. Defendant, who was driving a big rig, was exiting a parking lot and attempting to cross eastbound lanes on Washington Blvd. to make a left turn to go westbound on Washington Blvd. As defendant crossed two lanes, he broadsided plaintiff's vehicle and spun it into westbound lanes on Washington Blvd.

Plaintiff alleged defendant was negligent in the operation of a motor vehicle and that all of her claimed injuries were a result of the accident.

Defendant argued that the accident could not have caused plaintiff's right shoulder injuries. Defendant further disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's claimed injuries.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained cervical and lumbar strain and sprain injuries, requiring physical therapy; traumatic right shoulder impingement syndrome, and rotator cuff tear with arthroscopic surgery.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$43,216 past medical.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff initially demanded \$275,000. Defendant initially offered \$100,000.

EXPERTS

None.

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