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SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

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SETTLEMENT—Plaintiff struck by driver that ran a red light

VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Signal Violation/Intersection

No COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Galan v. Skidmore. Settlement date: 4/2/2001.

SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000

COUNSEL

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

Defendant: None.

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On March 17, 2000, plaintiff, a 40-year-old homemaker, traveling southbound on Morningview Drive, entered the intersection with a green light at Pacific Coast Highway, attempting to make a left turn onto PCH. Defendant, who was westbound on PCH in the number one of two lanes, ran a red light and hit plaintiff's vehicle.

Defendant admitted liability but disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's claimed injuries and the need for future surgery. Defendant further contended that plaintiff's disk protrusion was pre-existing and degenerative. Defendant further contended that plaintiff's condition should have resolved with treatment after only two months and that the majority of plaintiff's medical treatment was neither reasonable nor necessary.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff sustained cervical and lumbar strain and sprain injuries, requiring physical therapy, and a 3 mm disk protrusion extending into the neural foramina at C5-C6, requiring future anterior cervical discectomy and fusion.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$10,175 past medical; \$40,000 future medical.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff demanded, and the third-party defendant carrier tendered, its \$50,000 policy limits within 30 days of the demand. Plaintiff then tendered a UIM demand to her own carrier in the amount of \$50,000 new money. The UIM claim settled within 30 days of plaintiff's demand for \$50,000 (policy limits) new money.

EXPERTS

None.

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