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**SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$100,000**

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## COMMON CARRIER

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**Driver turns left in front of another vehicle, resulting in collision**

### VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Left Turn/Intersection

### NO COURT/UNFILED SETTLEMENT

Antonovich v. Snavelly, Trial type: Settlement. Settlement date: 4/1/2011.

**SETTLEMENT: \$100,000**

### COUNSEL

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

### FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On October 19, 2010, plaintiff Nicholas Antonovich, a 28-year-old concrete pump operator, was driving a 1989 Ford F250 southbound on Gaffey Street in the No. 1 lane in the City of San Pedro, California. As plaintiff entered the intersection at Channel Street, defendant Doris Snavelly who was driving a 2008 Nissan Altima northbound on Gaffey Street in the left-turn lane, made a left turn in front of the plaintiff's vehicle, causing the collision.

Plaintiff alleged that defendant driver was negligent in the operation of her 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. Specifically, defendant maintained that plaintiff did not appear injured at the scene of the accident, that no emergency vehicles were called, and that plaintiff did not seek medical attention until about 10 days after the accident when he first went to a dentist complaining of jaw pain. At the first dentist's visit, plaintiff did not mention the car accident.

### CLAIMED INJURIES

According to plaintiff: \$9,560 medical; \$30,000 future medical; \$9,750 loss of earnings.

### CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff demanded defendant's \$100,000 policy. Defendant initially denied the claim, citing causation of the dental injuries. Eventually, defendant tendered her policy limits to settle the claim.

### SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff demanded defendant Valverde's \$100,000 policy.

### EXPERTS

None

### COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The insurance carrier was Mercury Insurance; the adjuster was Shermaine Wilson.

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