

[Verdicts & Settlements]

Man, 56, seeks damages from motorcycle crash

Though defense says he was let go from job due to economy, case settles

\$1.8 million

In a confidential lawsuit, the plaintiff asserted entitlement to damages following a motorcycle-car collision.

The plaintiff, on his way to work via motorcycle, was seriously injured when a box truck turned in front of the motorcycle. Plaintiff dropped his bike in an attempt to avoid the collision.

Plaintiff suffered a complex right arm fracture and a brain injury. Several surgeries followed, and plaintiff eventually returned to work as a sheet metal model maker, but co-workers noticed he could not perform his work the same as prior to the accident. He was fired after a month back on the job.

Type of action:
Auto negligence

Type of injuries:
Complex right arm fracture, traumatic brain injury

Name of case: Confidential

Court/Case no./Date:
Confidential; confidential;
Oct. '2, 2009

Tried before: Facilitation

Name of mediator:
Martin G. Waldman

Settlement amount:
\$1.8 million

Most helpful expert: Barry Grant, CPA, CFF, Southfield

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Attorney(s) for defendant:
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As a result of plaintiff's struggles at work, his traumatic brain injury was more closely studied and the full effect of it was documented. Plaintiff also underwent cervical fusion and lumbar laminectomy.

The plaintiff provided doctor reports, economic and vocation expert testimony, and a day-in-the-life video chronicle to present full value of the claim.

The defendant contended plaintiff, who was 56 years old, was let go from his job because of mass downsizing in the industry, and had limited excess wage loss because of his age. Further, it was asserted, the plaintiff would return eventually to some type of employment.

The case settled at facilitation for \$1.8 million.