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VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

Motor Vehicle Collision

VERDICT



An \$82,451.08 verdict was rendered by a judge in Bridgeport Superior Court on December 17, 2019, in a motor vehicle collision case. The plaintiff had been rear-ended by the defendant, causing substantial damage to her vehicle. She suffered minor disc protrusions and a minor disc extrusion in the lumbar spine, none of which required surgery. The plaintiff's treatment was primarily chiropractic. Her medical bills totaled \$16,000. The verdict consisted of medical bills and lost wages, as well as car rental expenses and pain and suffering. The final offer before trial was \$35,000.

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collision case on March 26, 2020. The settlement occurred prior to the initiation of litigation. The tortfeasor pulled out of a gas station when it was unsafe to do so, resulting in a collision with the victim's car. The victim suffered an injury to her knee requiring a total knee replacement. Her medical bills totaled \$40,000.

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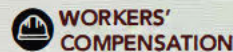
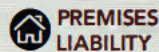
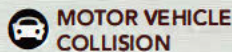
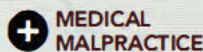
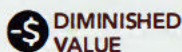
SETTLEMENT



A \$250,000 settlement amounting to the full insurance coverage available was reached in a motor vehicle

VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS OVERVIEW

CATEGORY	# OF CASES	VERDICTS	SETTLEMENTS	TOTAL AWARDS
Dispute	1	1	-	\$16,529.00
Orthopedic/Surgical	10	1	9	\$7,104,451.08
Significant Injury	8	2	6	\$12,237,500.00
Soft Tissue Injury	1	-	1	\$270,000.00
Wrongful Death	2	-	2	\$2,850,000.00



SETTLEMENT



A \$270,000 settlement was reached in March 2020 on a motor vehicle collision case involving two plaintiffs pending in New Haven Superior Court. The case involved a head-on collision with a driver traveling too fast for snowy conditions. One plaintiff suffered sprains to his cervical, lumbar and thoracic spine, as well as both knees and thumbs. He also suffered a concussion. He received permanency ratings to his cervical spine, lumbar spine, left thumb and left knee. His medical bills totaled \$28,000. The other plaintiff suffered sprains to her cervical and lumbar spine, numbness in her toes, lacerations on her tongue and a broken crown on her tooth. She received permanency ratings to her cervical and lumbar spine. Her medical bills totaled \$13,000. The settlement included claims made against the tortfeasor and the underinsured motorist carrier.

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