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VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

Motorcyclist suffers permanent leg injury in intersection crash



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\$950,000 Settlement

The elderly defendant made a left turn directly in front of the plaintiff's motorcycle. Plaintiff suffered a permanent partial impairment of the left leg (50 percent).

Future medical care needs and loss of future earning capacity were vigorously contested.

[11-T-027]

Type of action: Personal injury – motor vehicle/motorcycle collision

Injuries alleged: Severed left popliteal artery, grafting, thrombectomy, evacuation of a large hematoma, complex ligament reconstruction with a complete tear of the posterior cruciate ligament, immobilizer with 2 screws in thigh and 2 screws in shin, fractures of the medial and lateral tibial plateaus and fracture of the inter-spinous region of the tibia, repair of semi-membranous (detached hamstring), infection requiring intravenous antibiotic via PIC line and left knee replacement surgery

Court: Prince William County Circuit Court

Name of case: Confidential

Tried before: Mediation

Mediator: Robert L. Harris Sr.

Date: Jan. 14, 2011

Special Damages: Medicals – \$305,371.94; wage loss – \$21,840; futures – \$389,436.80; loss of earning capacity – \$483,768; total damages: \$1,200,416.74

Demand: \$1,300,000

Offer: \$310,000

Verdict or Settlement: Settlement

Amount: \$975,000

Attorneys for plaintiff: James Parrish and John D. Whittington, Manassas

Attorney for defendant: Michael Joshi, Fairfax

Insurance carrier: GEICO

Plaintiff's experts: John A. Bruno Jr. MD, orthopedist, Alexandria; Sharon Reavis RN, life care planner, Richmond; Peder Melberg, vocational rehabilitation, Richmond

Defendant's expert: Michael Malek MD, orthopedist, Annandale