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## MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENTS

**VIRGINIA'S MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENTS OF 2016** 



\$6.5 Million

## **Defendant trucker had been on duty** for 37 hours before rear-ender

Type of case: Automobile accident/Personal Injury

Name of mediator: Thomas **Shadrick** 

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Plaintiff was rear-ended by a commercial truck on Interstate 95. Plaintiff had just merged back into the right-hand travel lane afplaintiff was initially treat-



Guire Veterans Af-fairs Hospital and was in a brain

injury rehabilita-tion center at the time of mediation.





**TRONFELD** 



**MARTIN** 

Investigations found the defendant driver had been on duty 37 consecutive hours, driving over 27 hours in that span. Defendants claimed restrictions didn't apply as the business was operating under a federal exemption. The case settled one month prior to trial.