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## **MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENTS**

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



**\$4 Million** 

## Hotel housekeeper hurt in laundry gas explosion

Type of case: Natural gas explosion Name of m ediator: Thomas Shadrick

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Plaintiff worked as a housekeeper at a hotel. The 36-year-old female sustained 2nd and 3rd-degree burns to her face, neck, upper body, arms and hands after the natural gas dryer she was using for laundry exploded. Plaintiff suffered from extreme anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder following the explosion. Plaintiff alleged defendants' negligence in properly maintaining the gas piping in the laundry room, as well as failing to respond to previous reports of gas odors in the room.



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