

VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

Man hurt in wreck of medical transport van

\$435,000 settlement



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The plaintiff was a 71-year-old resident of a nursing home who was a passenger in a medical transport van. The host driver failed to stop at a stop sign, resulting in a T-bone collision on the passenger side of the van. The plaintiff was wheelchair-bound before the collision and had an extensive prior medical history that included a lower extremity amputation, end-stage renal disease, hypertension, pleural effusion, heart disease and diabetes.

The plaintiff was hospitalized for approximately a week after the collision. Despite significant injuries, the plaintiff did not require surgical intervention other than a chest tube. The plaintiff treated for approximately two months after the collision until he was released. There was no claim of a permanent injury.

The plaintiff's injuries and medical damages were largely undisputed except for a five-day hospitalization six weeks after the crash for pneumonia. The second hospital stay accounted for approximately \$30,000 of the total medical specials.

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Type of action: Personal injury

Injuries alleged: Left posterior lateral and medial maxillary sinus wall fracture, left hemothorax, chest tube placement for pulmonary contusion with rib fracture, subarachnoid hematoma, dislocated right shoulder/acute right AC separation grade 2, displaced right lateral fourth rib fracture, nondisplaced left T1 transverse process and head of the left first rib fractures and left C7 transverse process fracture.

Tried before: Mediation

Name of judge or mediator: Hon. Diane McQ. Strickland (Ret.)

Date resolved: Jan. 13, 2020

Special damages: \$185,086.58

Verdict or settlement: Settlement

Amount: \$435,000.00

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