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Bladen County wreck resulted in disc protrusion, depression

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Plaintiff's vehicle was struck from behind by a vehicle travelling at 45 mph. Plaintiff lost consciousness in the collision.

In March 2007, he underwent cervical decompression, a complete discectomy, bilateral foraminotomies and decompression of the nerve roots. He developed depression due to his inability to sustain gainful employment and was determined to be disabled by the Social Security Administration in August 2010.

Settlement Report



Slaughter

Type of action: Motor vehicle negligence

Injuries alleged: Disc protrusion at C5-6, post-traumatic headaches, complex regional pain syndrome and depression

Case name: Confidential

Case number: Confidential

Court: Bladen County

Verdict or settlement: Pre-trial settlement

Date: Jan. 26, 2011

Amount: \$1.1 million

Special damages: \$233,541 (medical bills), \$197,770 (lost wages)

Insurer: GEICO carried the liability coverage, Nationwide provided UIM

Were liability and/or damages contested? Yes

Was the opposing party represented by legal counsel? No

Has the plaintiff been successful in actually collecting the judgment? Yes

Plaintiff's attorney: H. Mitchell Baker III and M. Troy Slaughter (both of Wilmington)

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