

CASE SETTLED FOR \$100,000

FACTS

This case arises out of an auto accident that happened on November 2, 2007, between Plaintiff (19 at the time of the accident) and an 18 wheeler. Both vehicles were traveling opposite directions heading towards one another. Suddenly, without warning, the 18- wheeler made a left hand turn into a business establishment. In doing so, he cut across several lanes in front of Plaintiff's vehicle. Plaintiff ran into the passenger side of the trailer of the 18 wheeler.

According to the 18 wheeler driver, he looked to make sure he was clear to turn and started a turn. Defendants have made a contributory negligent claim by further asserting that Plaintiff was failing to pay attention. Plaintiff did tell the police that shortly before this accident, as she was approaching, she did notice the 18-wheeler getting into the middle/median lane to apparently make a turn. At that point, some CD's fell from her visor, and the accident happened within seconds after that.

DAMAGES

Neck and back pain and abdominal pain as a result of the motor vehicle accident. Plaintiff lost her insurance coverage therefore lacking the funds to get any consistent medical care. She then started seeing Dr. Berliner at Lone Star Orthopedics who after treating her conservatively, proceeded with a series of lumbar epidural steroid injections to no avail, and recommended surgery 2 years after the accident. Plaintiff never got the surgery.

Case settled for \$100,000. Over \$46,000 to the client, \$44,300 approx. went to pay attorney's fees and costs, and \$10,000 approx. was used to pay medical bills.