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Rear-ender mediation results in \$200K for back injuries

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Plaintiff was sitting at a stop sign when he was rear-ended by a United Central Industrial Supply vehicle, operated by Mr. Hale. Plaintiff was transported from the scene via ambulance. As a result of this incident, plaintiff suffered a significantly extruded disc herniation at L4-5, as well as disc protrusion at L-5, S-1. These injuries left her with pain in her neck, shoulders and thoracic spine. Additionally, after sitting or standing for extended periods of time, she suffered from numbness running down both legs. Plaintiff alleged she would require a laminectomy. Plaintiff filed suit, but reached settlement with the insurance carrier, prior to serving the defendants.

Type of Action: Personal injury - rear end collision

Injuries Alleged: Soft tissue; spinal injuries

Name of Case: Blankenship v. United Industrial Supply Co., Inc. & Stoney Hale

Court: Buchanan County Circuit

Case No.: CL071000053-00

Tried Before: Mediation

Special Damages: Medical expenses - \$13,804.09 incurred; lost wages \$9,486.90; futures disputed

Verdict/Settlement: Settlement

Amount: \$200,000

Verdict Date: March 2007

Insurer: St. Paul Marine

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