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VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

Parties in t-bone wreck enter high-low agreement

\$42,500 Verdict

On June 7, 2012, the defendant attempted a left-turn into a shopping center and turned in front of the plaintiff causing a t-bone collision. The defendant testified in her deposition that the plaintiff was speeding. The defendant was given a ticket for failure to yield, but it was dismissed at traffic court.

The plaintiff complained of an injury at the accident scene, but did not go to the emergency room until the next day. At the emergency room, the plaintiff was diagnosed with back pain and was noted to have a small abrasion on her left forearm. The plaintiff followed up with her family doctor and was referred to physical therapy for treatment of soft-tissue injuries to the back and neck. The plaintiff also



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Type of action: Personal injury

Injuries alleged: Neck and back strain; 3cm x 5cm left forearm scar

Name of case: Richardson v. McDuffie

Court: Richmond Circuit Court

Case no.: CL12-5302

Tried before: Jury

Judge: Buford Parsons

Date: Nov. 20, 2013

Special damages: \$11,655 in medical bills

Offer: \$17,500

Verdict or settlement: Verdict

Amount: \$42,500

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complained of anxiety after the accident while riding in an automobile. The plaintiff completed physical therapy and was released from treatment on Sept. 29, 2012, with complaints of "slight achiness." The abrasion on the plaintiff's forearm left a slight scar that was visible at trial.

The parties entered into a high-low agreement of \$18,250 - \$50,000 (the limits of insurance coverage) in exchange for an admission of liability. The jury deliberated for approximately 20 minutes before returning with an award of \$42,500. [13-T-189]