

Verdicts & Settlements

M.D. on bike, car collide in intersection

Plaintiff cyclist suffers traumatic brain injury **\$650,000 settlement**

On June 7, 2014, the plaintiff was riding his bike along a local road when he was struck by the defendant's vehicle.

The defendant claimed that she had stopped at the stop sign and saw that the intersection was clear for her to cross. She began to cross the highway when she heard a crash. She told a police officer that a bicycle hit her car.

The plaintiff, a physician, sustained a traumatic brain injury and

reportedly had a seizure shortly after the collision. Because he sustained a concussion and suffered anterograde and retrograde amnesia, he was unable to provide any information regarding the collision. However, a witness told police that the plaintiff waved at the defendant driver when she pulled into the intersection.

The plaintiff was hospitalized and underwent extensive rehabilitation. He returned to his medical practice within four months of the collision. In the two years since the collision, the plaintiff's income did not diminish, according to his tax returns.

The parties negotiated directly

with the adjuster arguing, in part, that the plaintiff was at increased risk for known medical complications associated with traumatic brain injuries, including but not limited to a seizure disorder, early onset of Alzheimer's disease or dementia, and emotional problems.

The case settled for \$650,000. The plaintiff's health insurance lien also settled for a one-third reduction.



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