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**Vehicles: Injury to teeth blamed on illegal left turn accident; Male, 30, soft tissue neck/back, mouth injury claimed  
Trial De Novo: \$8,000**

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**PLTF ATTY:** Howard A. Kapp, *Beverly Hills*

**DEFT ATTY:** Barry Bartholomew & Associates, By: Lawrence W. Dailey, *Glendale* **PLTF MED'L:** Earl Berkowitz, D.D.S., Dentist, *Beverly Hills* **DEFT MED'L:** Duane C. McKay, D.D.S., Dentist, *Beverly Hills* **FACTS:** On June 16, 1990 at 5:00 p.m. Deft turned left in front of Pltf at the intersection of Franklin and Outpost in Los Angeles. At the time of the accident, Pltf complained only of injuries to his neck/back to the police. He was examined by ER physician at Cedars Sinai three hours later. There were no complaints to his teeth in the records. He then went to his family doctor six days later, where he admitted being involved in two accidents but never mentioned dental injuries. Eleven days post-accident, Pltf began receiving \$14,000 in crowns and porcelain dental work. Both experts agreed the dental work was unnecessary. **PER PLTF:** That Pltf fractured several teeth because of the accident; that subsequent dental work was done poorly and that Pltf wanted Deft to pay for restorative dental work. **INJURIES:** Fractured teeth, neck/back pain.

**DEFENSE:** Admitted liability, but contended that Pltf did not complain of injury to his teeth to any of medical personnel seen after the accident; that x-rays taken by a dentist 11 days post-accident did not disclose any injury. **DEMAND:** \$84,000 per CCP §998 reduced to \$32,500 per CCP §998; \$40,000 at trial; Pltf's attorney asked the jury for \$250,000. **OFFER:** \$20,000 per CCP §998; Deft's attorney asked the jury for \$7,500.

**SPECIALS:** \$23,500: \$16,000 past medical; \$7,500 future medical. **VERDICT:** \$8,000 **POLL:** 9-3 **NOTES:** Previously arbitrated with \$32,500 to Pltf by Comr. Seymour Brock, Ret.; Deft requested Trial De Novo. Deft counsel Dailey notes that Pltf, a Catholic deacon, appeared at trial wearing his clerical clothing and using a cane to walk up to the witness stand.

**Angelo Romano v. Harry Weinschenker** L.A. County Superior Court, Los Angeles **CASE No:** BC 023 380 **DATE:** 3/04/93 **JUDGE:** James E. Satt **CRA #** 4016

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**Vehicles: Housekeeper waiting for bus is injured when two cars collide; Female, 48, fractured legs and elbow, splenectomy  
Settlement: \$1.505 million**

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**PLTF ATTY:** Greene, Broillet, et al., By: Brian J. Panish, *Santa Monica* **DEFT ATTY:** Howard, Moss, et al., By: Robert Moss, *Santa Ana* **PLTF MED'L:** Malcolm Lesavoy, M.D., Plastic Surgeon; Chester Hasday, M.D., Orthopedist, *Beverly Hills*

**DEFT MED'L:** Robert Rosenfeld, M.D., Orthopedist, *Beverly Hills* **DEFT TECH'L:** Phillip Hight, Accident Recon, *Newhall*; Marc Pryor, Accident Recon, *Torrance* **FACTS:** Pltf, a 48-year-old housekeeper from El Salvador, was standing at the bus bench on Pacific Coast Highway and Big Rock waiting for the bus. Deft made a left turn in front of an oncoming vehicle, forcing both vehicles to the side of the road, striking a light pole which then hit the Pltf. **INJURIES:** Multiple fractures to both legs and elbow, splenectomy. **DEMAND:** \$2 million **OFFER:** \$800,000

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**SPECIALS:** \$450,000 *says Pltf:* \$100,00 past medical; \$50,000 future medical; \$250,000 lost earnings. \$670,000 *says Deft:* \$120,000 past medical; \$100,000 future medical; \$450,000 L.E. **SETTLEMENT:** \$1.505 million while case trailing for trial. **Ramirez v. Patterson** L.A. County Superior Court **CASE No:** **DATE:** 4/05/93 **JUDGE:** Sara Radin **CRA #** 4059

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**Vehicles: Driver flees scene after he hits pedestrian on curve; Male, 52, Fractured femur, 4 ribs, ramus of left pubis  
Settlement: \$300,000**

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**PLTF ATTY:** Fleming & Berkley, By: Stuart Berkley, *Los Angeles* **DEFT ATTY:** Law Offices of John D. Fuchs, By: Barbara Feinman, *Torrance* **PLTF MED'L:** Stephen Field, M.D., Orthopedist, *Beverly Hills*; J.C. Harwin, M.D., Orthopedist, *Panorama City* **DEFT MED'L:** Keither Leiberman, M.D., Orthopedist, *Los Angeles* **FACTS:** On October 14, 1989 at 7:30 a.m. Pltf, a 52-year-old custodian, was standing by his vehicle at Laurel Canyon and Hubbard when Deft came around a curve and struck Pltf. Deft driver, doing business as Gothic Landscaping, fled the scene. **PER PLTF:** That Deft was inattentive and driving too fast for the conditions.

**INJURIES:** Open reduction fracture of femur, four fractured ribs, fractured of superior/inferior ramus of the left pubis. **DEFENSE:** Disputed the nature and extent of injuries and contended that Pltf is not disabled. **DEMAND:** \$350,000 **OFFER:** \$140,000 raised to \$250,000 **SPECIALS:** \$229,126: \$39,126 past medical; \$50,000 past L.E.; \$140,000 future L.E. **SETTLEMENT:** \$300,000 **Jaime Morales v. Judy Georgio** L.A. County Superior Court, San Fernando **CASE No:** PC 00872 **DATE:** 3/02/93 **JUDGE:** **CRA #** 4055

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**Vehicles: Vehicle rearended, level of impact disputed; Female, 46, disk bulge, headaches, carpal tunnel  
Trial De Novo: \$19,304**

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**PLTF ATTY:** Nicholas R. Allis, *Los Angeles* **DEFT ATTY:** Knapp, Petersen & Clarke, By: Steve Pasarow, *Glendale* **PLTF MED'L:** Erna Chambers, D.C., Chiropractor, *Santa Monica*; Gary Niditch, M.D., Neurologist, *Los Angeles*; Mark Greenberg, M.D., Internist/Pain Mgt., *Santa Monica* **DEFT MED'L:** Michael Wienir, M.D., Neurologist, *Tarzana*

**FACTS:** On October 24, 1988 Pltf, a 46-year-old accountant, was stopped at a red light in her 1971 Datsun 240Z when Deft in a BMW 528 rearended her. Pltf had property damage of \$1,214; there was no damage to Deft's car. **PER PLTF:** That the accident involved a heavy impact and legally caused all of Pltf's chronic injuries. **INJURIES:** Chronic soft tissue injuries to neck with disk bulge, migraine headaches, soft tissue injuries to back, carpal tunnel syndrome in right wrist. **DEFENSE:** Admitted liability but disputed the nature/extent of injuries. Deft contended that she struck Pltf at only 10-15 mph with minor impact. **DEMAND:** \$29,000 firm **OFFER:** \$15,000, would pay more. **SPECIALS:** \$17,000 past medical. **VERDICT:** \$19,304 of \$20,000 gross verdict with reduction of \$696 for medical bills previously paid by State Farm. **POLL:** 9-3 **NOTES:** Previously arbitrated

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