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Verdicts & Settlements

SUV Rollover — Incomplete Quadriplegia

Description: Jennifer Mitchell sustained a burst fracture at C6\7 when the 1995 Isuzu Rodeo in which she was riding rolled over on the highway and the roof buckled. Her driver made an evasive maneuver to avoid a collision, and the vehicle rolled on road in response to a hard steer-countersteer. Plaintiff and her counsel alleged that the Rodeo had an inadequate rollover resistance and defective roof system. During mediation with Bob Beason, the case settled confidentially.

Type of Action: Product liability

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Injuries Alleged: Incomplete quadriplegia

Name of Case: Jennifer Mitchell v. Isuzu Motors, Ltd. et al

Court: Durham County Superior Court

Case No.: 00 CVS 02703

Tried Before: Mediation

Name of Judge: Not applicable

Special Damages: In excess of \$250,000

Verdict or settlement: settlement

Amount: Confidential

Verdict Date: January 2002

Demand: n/a

Offer: n/a

Experts: Don Friedman, P .E., Santa Barbara, CA

Insurer: n/a

Plaintiff's attorney: Jay Trehy and Don Strickland, Raleigh

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