

CASE PROFILE

\$500,000 SETTLEMENT IN BICYCLE ACCIDENT CASE

Our client was riding her bicycle on her way home from her job at Publix as a dairy stocker earning \$13.50/hour in the early evening when a sixteen year old minor struck her while making a left turn in his 6,025 pound Dodge Ram 1500 Pick Up, which vehicle was legally owned by his father. Our client was on her 30 pound white bicycle with reflectors. The incident occurred at the intersection of SW 96 Street and SW 137 Avenue. The intersection is well lit with four large street lights (one at each corner of the intersection). Our client was very familiar with this route as she took it every day to and from work. Prior to entering the intersection to cross SW 96 Street heading South, our client came to a stop because there was traffic running East and West on SW 96 street, which means that there was a red light for the driver as he was intending on making a left turn from

SW 137 Avenue to head East on SW 96 Street. When the traffic stopped, our client entered the intersection. She was almost across the intersection when she heard an engine roaring and she was violently struck by the Dodge Ram. Our client was thrown onto the grassy parkway. The driver struck our client with sufficient force to cause two cracks to the front grill of the Dodge Ram.

Our 54 year old client suffered multiple traumas as a result of the incident including a left periorbital bruise, frontal scalp laceration, a contusion on her left hand, fractures of the transverse processes of T12, L1, L2, L3, and L4, multiple rib fractures, she underwent a video assisted thoracic surgery to evacuate a residual blood clot in her lungs, and suffered several scars to

the right side of her body including a scar under her right breast.

The insurance carrier for the driver contested liability and the extent of damages. The case settled for the policy limits after litigation was commenced.

NOTEWORTHY FEBRUARY DATES

Valentine's Day

The idea of Valentine's Day seems to have originated during the Middle Ages, somewhere around the 14th or 15th century. The holiday is named after Saint Valentine who was martyred. Other historians attribute the holiday as a celebration of the life of Saint Valentine. Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 as a festival of romantic love. Every February 14, across the United States and in other places around

the world, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day, or Washington's Birthday, as it is still legally known, was originally designed as a celebration of George Washington's' birthdate. In 1880, Congress voted to make this the first national holiday which honored an individual. In 1968, Congress enacted the Uniform Monday Bill, to give workers as many long weekends as possible. This moved, as many holidays, to a standard Monday each year. Many states were already honoring Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, and this celebration was combined with George Washington's birthday, for one federal holiday. It is observed on the third Monday in February each year.

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