

Zareen Jehanger vs. Luis Ortiz dba Ortiz Trucking

Opposing Counsel: John Havins
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TBI case – Successful result

Auto Passenger/Dump Truck: The Defendant was in a prior accident at a lane closure on the ship channel bridge and had been waiting for 30 to 60 minutes for the police. The construction cleared and the traffic picked up to regular speed. The plaintiff was a back seat passenger in a car driven by the settling co-defendant. It hit the back of the dump truck breaking most bones in the passenger plaintiff's face. She admittedly had a brain injury, though it was contested as to whether it was mild to severe. The plaintiff's sued for \$4.4 million dollars. The incurred medical bills were \$186,000. The policy limit was \$500,000. The plaintiff's had Stowerized the carrier for policy limits. The jury found \$1.5 million in damages and 70% fault on the driver of the car and 30% fault on the dump truck driver. The verdict was for \$460,000 with no prejudgment interest being awarded due to the prior offer.

Successful Result: less than the last demand and the policy limit.