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Passengers suffer mild TBI in tractor-trailer collision

\$2,500,000 and \$1,100,000 Settlements

Two women were injured in 2004 when the vehicle in which they were passengers was rear-ended by a tractor-trailer.

Jane Doe, 55, suffered a late-diagnosed mild traumatic brain injury with seizure disorder, dizziness and balance problems, fatigue and sleep difficulty and significant cognitive deficits.

The symptoms of plaintiff's pre-existing attention deficit disorder were exacerbated by

the brain injury. The accident also caused neck and knee pain, carpal tunnel syndrome, and other orthopedic injuries. As a result of the accident, she was unable to continue working at her part-time job. Her case was settled for \$2,100,000.

Rhonda Doe, 43, also suffered orthopedic injuries and a mild traumatic brain injury with relatively mild cognitive deficits.

She was able to compensate for many of her injuries and deficits and functions at a reasonably high level. She has maintained her job in an executive position. Her case was settled for \$1,100,000. [09-T-082]

Type of Action: Personal injury

Injuries Alleged: Mild traumatic brain injury and orthopedic injuries

Name of Case: Jane Doe v. Jones Corporation;
Rhonda Doe v. Jones Corporation

Court: Norfolk Circuit Court

Date: 2009

Verdict/Settlement: Settlements

Amounts: \$2,500,000 and \$1,100,000 with a confidentiality agreement

Special Damages: For Jane Doe: Medical bills - \$112,664; lost earnings - \$192,5000; \$1,041,000 - future support care. For Rhonda Doe, \$63,182 in medical bills.

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