



MOTOR VEHICLE

Student claimed disc herniation after 18-wheeler rear ended her

MEDIATION	\$187,500
CASE	Amanda Noel Gage v. Great West Casualty Co.
COURT	Matter not filed, TX
JUDGE	Mark Gilbert
PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY(S)	E. Michael Grossman; Grossman Law Offices, P.C.; Dallas, TX, for Amanda Noel Gage
DEFENSE ATTORNEY(S)	Not legally represented

FACTS & ALLEGATIONS

On December 23, 2005, plaintiff Amanda Noel Gage, a 25-year-old college student was driving southbound on I35 in Denton. A vehicle driving ahead of her slowed down, and she slowed in response, before being rear ended by an 18-wheeler driven by Tony Brock, who was insured by Great West Casualty Co.

Gage threatened to bring action, claiming that she was driving safely and legally when Brock struck her from behind.

Great West did not dispute liability.

INJURIES/DAMAGES

Gage alleged a ruptured lumbar disc and a disc herniation at L5-S1, resulting in lower back pain. After physical therapy and four rounds of steroid injections she underwent lumbar fusion surgery in November 2007.

Gage sought \$72,370.76 in medical expenses, \$13,932 in lost income, and an unspecified amount for pain and suffering.

Great West noted that Gage's car only sustained approximately \$500 in damage and argued that the collision was not violent enough to produce the alleged injuries.

VERDICT INFORMATION

Before suit was filed, the parties settled for \$187,500.