

VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

Adolescent auto accident victim awarded \$4.725 million



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\$4.725 million settlement

An adolescent girl was hurt as a passenger in a car on a highway in Hampton Roads. The complex liability issues were highly contested and technical.



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The injuries included vision impairment in one eye and multiple fractures. A life care plan by Sharon Reavis was done to estimate future medical costs. There was a dispute as to whether the child's ongoing symptoms were the result of the moder-



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ate traumatic brain injury (skull fracture) or

post-traumatic stress disorder.

The case resolved approximately two months before trial after nearly two years of litigation. Alan Michaelis of Alcar Multimedia assisted in the mediation and trial preparation.

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Type of action: Automobile-related accident

Tried before: Mediation

Name of judge or mediator: Hon. Michael Allen (ret.)

Special damages: Past medical bills of approximately \$450,000 and approximately \$600,000 contested future medical expenses

Verdict or settlement: Settlement

Amount: \$4,725,000

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