

AUGUST 1994

SETTLEMENT - KING COUNTY

v.

**Number:** 93-2-05459-9

**Jury Trial Date:** 9/27/94 (settled before trial)

**Plff Atty:** Scott M. Donaldson (Seattle)

**Def. Atty:** Steven A. Yost (Seattle)

**Plff Med.:** David Newell MD (Neurosurgeon); Joel Konikow MD (Family Practice) both Seattle

**Def. Med.:** David L. Dunner MD (Psychiatrist-UW) ; Robert Colfelt MD (Neurologist) both Seattle

**Plff Exp.:** Catherine Mateer Ph.D. (Neuropsychologist) Puyallup; Sharon Rederford RN (Nurse); Emily Rhee RN (Consulting Trauma Nurse); Richard Cook (Accident Reconstruction) all Seattle

**Def. Exp.:** Carl Dodrill Ph.D. (Neuropsychologist) Mercer Island; Ron Carlson (Accident Reconstruction) Redmond

**Mediator:** Hon. Terrance Carroll (JAMS)

**FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY BRAIN &**

**KNEE INJURIES; LACERATIONS**

12/2/92 Piff, female age 24, married mother of two. Plff contended she was driving home from the dentist, traveling with the green light at about the 30 m.p.h. speed limit, when an employee of Def. towing company made a left turn directly in front of her, colliding with the left front end of her compact car. Def. contended Plff was speeding and driving with marker lights on but **headlights** off.

**Injuries:** Intracranial shear injury; punctate hemorrhage of brain. Comatose for approximately 2 days. Open wound to right knee; facial/head lacerations requiring sutures. Left wrist lacerations requiring sutures. Intracranial pressure monitor inserted, right knee arthrotomy performed; intubated for 2k days. Plff contended memory and mild cognitive deficits; possible seizure disorder.

**Specials:** Med. \$31,083; Lost Wages \$3,223 (husband); Child care \$1,999; Days in Hosp. - 7 days.

**Result:** SETTLEMENT for \$225,000.