

JANUARY 1993

SETTLEMENT - KING COUNTY

Number: 91-2-10644-4

~~Jury Trial Date: 1/4/93 (Settled on 11/24/92)~~

Plff Atty: Scott M. Donaldson (Seattle)

Def. Atty: Douglas E. Somers of Bullivant, Houser, Bailey,
Pendergrass & Hoffman (Seattle)

Plff Med.: Thomas R. Gritza MD (Orthopedist) Portland OR; Steven
A. Radcliff MD (Orthopedist) Kirkland; Steven L. Reed
MD (Orthopedist) Seattle

Def. Med.: Robert H. Colfelt MD (Neurologist) ; Harold Rappaport MD
(Psychiatrist); Edward Dohring MD (Orthopedist) all
Seattle

Plff Exp.: Jean Brautigam-Mills MSW (Counselor); Tom Balch
A.R.N.P. (Nurse Practitioner) both Snoqualmie; Anthony
Choppa (Vocational Rehabilitation) Bothell

Mediator: Hon. Charles S. Burdell, **Jr.** (JAMS)

REAR END COLLISION (SCHOOL BUS/LOGGING TRUCK) - *ADMITTED LIABILITY

NECK, BACK, SHOULDER & ELBOW INJURIES

3/14/90 Plff, female age 44, school bus driver for Snoqualmie
School District. Plff contended that the school bus driven by Plff
stopped to make a left turn at Lake Alice Road from Preston/Fall
City Road and was struck from the rear by Def. driving a logging
truck at approximately 35 m.p.h.

Injuries: Soft tissue neck and back injuries; aggravation to right
shoulder approximately 6 weeks post-op from
acromioplasty. Aggravation of pre-existing cubital
tunnel syndrome at right elbow. Defs. admitted soft
tissue injuries and course of treatment and slight
setback in recovery of shoulder from accident; disputed
injury to right elbow and ulnar nerve due to accident.
Defs. contended cubital tunnel syndrome pre-existed and
did not appear to have been made worse by accident.

Specials: Med. \$17,500-\$17,510 plus future pain management \$4,000;
Lost Wages \$46,281-\$65,571.78 plus loss of earning
capacity (disputed ability to return to work) with
worker's compensation lien of \$35,542.

Settlement: Demand: \$350,000. Offer: \$65,000.

Result: SETTLEMENT for \$122,250. (Lien reduced to \$20,000. *Def. admitted negligence but not causation of all injuries.)