

JUNE 1997

SETTLEMENT - KING COUNTY

ESTATE OF JANE DOE v. JOHN DOE

Number: confidential

Trial Date: settled; trial scheduled for 8/25/97

Plff Atty: Scott M. Donaldson (Seattle)

Def. Atty: Edwin Snook of Snook & Bolton (Seattle)

Insurance Co.: Allstate

Plff Exp.: Ron Heusser (Accident Reconstruction) Kent

Def. Exp.: Charles Lewis (Accident Reconstruction) Seattle

Mediator: Larry Levy (WAMS)

LOST CONTROL

DEATH

11/4/95 - Piff decedent, female age 49; married, mother of two sons, ages 17 and 23. Piff was a passenger in a Lincoln Mark VII eastbound on Hwy 2 just before the Stevens Pass summit during the first snowfall of the season. Plff contended the driver of the car she was in lost control and slid across four lanes of traffic and was hit by an oncoming Bronco. The Bronco impacted the car on the passenger side door where decedent was sitting. She was killed instantly. Liability was disputed. Def. contended witnesses indicated the driver had reduced his speed due to weather conditions, was experiencing no problems until the loss of control, and had mud- and snow-rated tires with good tread.

Injuries: Death.

Specials: Med. \$3,534.55 (funeral **exp.**).

Settlement: None stated.

Result: SETTLEMENT for \$300,000.