

NOVEMBER 1992

SETTLEMENT - KING COUNTY

Number: 91-2-02545-2 v.

Jury Trial Date: Settled shortly before trial

Plff Atty: Scott M. Donaldson (Seattle)

Def. Atty: R. Scott Fallon of Fallon & McKinley (Seattle)

Plff Med.: J. Harold Brown MD (General Practice-deceased); Craig Tuttle DC (Chiropractor); John C. Oakley MD (Neurosurgeon); Kenneth Leung MD (Orthopedist) all Seattle

Def. Med.: Ted Rothstein MD (Neurologist) Seattle

Plff Exp.: *Anthony* Choppa (Vocational Rehabilitation) Bothell; Lowell Bassett Ph.D. (Economist) Seattle

Mediator: Larry Levy (WAMS)

PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT - ADMITTED LIABILITY

BACK INJURY

3/19/89 - Plff, female age 52, account technician for H.U.D. Plff contended she was at Def.'s car wash waiting for her car when an employee of the car wash tried to drive a car outfitted with hand controls for a disabled driver and lost control, striking Plff and throwing her 15-20 feet.

Injuries: Low back pain; physical therapy/chiropractic for over one year. After referral to neurosurgeon, a herniated disc was discovered at L4-5; a decompression and fusion at that level performed on 5/21/90. Unable to work full-time due to continued pain. Dispute between Plff's own doctors as to whether she could work in spite of her pain. Chronic L-5 nerve root irritation.

Specials: Med. \$38,089 (disputed); Lost Wages \$56,944 (disputed)

future wage/economic losses); Days in Hosp. - 8 days.

Result: SETTLEMENT for \$212,000.