

Verdicts & Settlements

Thursday, September 28, 1995

(\$70,000 medical lien was waived).

claim under his parents' underinsured policy, **CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$184,000 paid by Defendant driver's carrier; \$500,000 paid by **CONTENTIONS:** Defendant contended Plaintiff's UIM carrier. Plaintiff was "obviously intoxicated" and was **ATTORNEYS:** *Pkthui.Q'* Scott M. Donaldson negligent in riding with a driver who was "obviously intoxicated." Plaintiff contended that (Seattle, WA)

the negligent and illegal operation of a motor *Defendant* Scott M. Williamson (Hackett, vehicle by Defendant driver was the sole, legal Beecher, et al., Seattle, WA)

cause of the collision, injuries. Plaintiff further **TECHNICAL EXPERTS:** *Plaintiff* - Kent contended that the nature and extent of injuries Schafer, vocational rehabilitation, Bothell, WA; warranted UIM coverage from the carrier. Eugene Silberberg, Ph.D., economist, Seattle;

Mark Lanning, structured settlements, Seattle, **INJURIES:** TBI (resolved); right knee corn-WA plete derangement with twisted ligaments; bilat- *Defendant* - David Predmore, state toxicologist, eral femur fractures; left tibial plateau fracture; Olympia. WA

tailbone fracture; L5 transverse process fracture; pelvic ring compound fracture; punctured **MEDICAL EXPERTS:** *Plaintiff* - Lloyd lung complicated by ARDS; right ankle tendon Cripe, Ph.D., neuropsychologist, Seattle

Personal Injury

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Automobile Accident

Underinsured Motorist

SETTLEMENT; \$684,000 total

CASE/NUMBER: Case I.D. Confidential

COURT/DATE: King Superior / July 27, 1995

JUDGE: Hon. Gerard Shellan, retired

DISBURSEMENT: \$684,000 total to Plaintiff

damage; cuts and bruises. To date Plaintiff has

FACTS: *On* June 24, 1994, Plaintiff, a 18- undergone seven surgeries, and 75-day hospiyear-old student, had just graduated from high talization. Plaintiff claimed permanent disabili- school. While attending a graduation/birthday

ty, restricted future employment, and future party, Plaintiff left as a passenger in a car driven by Defendant friend; both had been allegedly- knee replacement.

drinking and **smoking** "grass" Later, the pair **SPECIALS IN EVIDENCE:** MEDS picked up 4 more passengers. Shortly there- \$253,765; LOE \$2,500.

after, the **automobile** left the road at a high rate of speed and crashed the passenger side into a **SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS:** Offers tree. Two claims were settled with the third- and/or demands, exchanged prior to this result, party **insurers of Defendant driver/owner of** the were not disclosed.