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Superior Court, Los Angeles County, California.

Griffith vs. Dominguez

TOPIC:

Synopsis: SETTLEMENT -- Mother, daughter killed in collision with truck

Case Type: Vehicle Negligence; Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle; Vehicle Negligence; Truck; Vehicle Negligence; Passenger; Vehicle Negligence; Interstate/Freeway; Vicarious Liability; Wrongful Death; Adult; Wrongful Death; Minor

DOCKET NUMBER: BC363262

STATE: California

COUNTY: Los Angeles

Verdict/Judgment Date: April 24, 2008

JUDGE: Conrad R. Aragon

ATTORNEYS:

Plaintiff: David H. Greenberg, Law Offices of David H. Greenberg, Beverly Hills; Arash **Homampour**, The **Homampour** Law Firm, Beverly Hills; Jeffrey A. Rudman, Law Offices of David H. Greenberg, Beverly Hills; Farzad Yassini, The **Homampour** Law Firm, Beverly Hills.

Defendant: James T. Biesty, Biesty, Garretty & Wagner, Los Angeles; Thomas B. Wait, Wait & Colfer, Claremont.

SUMMARY:

Verdict/Judgment: Settlement

Verdict/Judgment Amount: \$1,500,000

Range: \$1,000,000-1,999,999

Defendants Miranda and Dominguez each agreed to pay \$750,000. Plaintiff Samuel Griffith Jr.: \$900,000. The settlement amount included attorney fees in the amount of \$360,000. Plaintiff Jacob Griffith: \$300,000. The settlement amount included attorney fees in the amount of \$75,000. Plaintiff Layna Griffith: \$300,000. The settlement amount included attorney fees in the amount of \$75,000 and expenses in the amount of \$5,731.

Trial Type: Settlement

EXPERTS:

Plaintiff: Not reported.

Defendant: Not reported.

TEXT:

CASE INFORMATION

FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to court records: Thippachanh Phouthachak, age 28, and her daughter, Khaley Griffith, age 7, occupied a vehicle traveling on I-210 near San Sevaine Road in Fontana, California on March 4, 2005. Phouthachak lost control of the vehicle, hit the center divider, and rebounded into the path of a truck operated by defendant Angel Alfredo Cabral Dominguez and owned by defendant Julio A. Miranda. Phouthachak and Khaley Griffith both died as a result of the collision.

Plaintiffs Samuel Anthony Griffith Jr. and Jacob and Layna Griffith were decedents' surviving spouse/father and children/siblings. Plaintiffs alleged wrongful death against defendants Miranda and Dominguez.

CLAIMED INJURIES

According to court records:

Death; loss of consortium.

CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to court records:

Not reported.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

According to court records:

Not reported.

COMMENTS

According to court records:

The complaint was filed on December 11, 2006.

James T. Biesty represented defendant Dominguez. Thomas B. Wait represented defendant Miranda.

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