

Housekeeper Falls, Develops Carpal Tunnel Syndrome \$125,000 Settlement

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The plaintiff worked in housekeeping for a number of years and had an average weekly wage of \$294. The incident occurred on May 26, 1997, when the plaintiff fell down a set of stairs. She initially complained of shoulder and elbow injuries after the fall. The employer-insurer initially accepted liability for the shoulder injury.

Subsequently, the plaintiff began to complain of symptoms associated with carpal tunnel syndrome and was diagnosed with bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome and possible RSD.

Initially, the insurer declined liability as to this particular injury. The plaintiff filed and was awarded Section 34A benefits. Subsequent to the Section 34A conference and prior to the hearing, the matter was settled with liability as far as all injuries in the amount of \$125,000.

Type of action: Workers' Compensation

Injuries alleged: Bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome and possible RSD

Name of case: Withheld

Court/case #: Department of Industrial Accidents (no. withheld)

Tried before judge or jury: N/A (settled)

Amount of settlement: \$125,000

Date: April 4, 2003

Demand: \$130,000

Highest offer: \$125,000

Most helpful expert: Dr. David Boland, orthopedic

Attorney: Gonçalo M. Rego, Fall River (for the plaintiff)

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Detailed Information

Type:	Settlement
Total Value:	\$125,000.00
Breakdown and distribution of Total Value:	\$125,000
Verdict/Settlement Date:	4/4/2003
Type of Action:	Workers' Compensation
Court:	Department of Industrial Accidents (MA) (Other Text: Unspecified, Massachusetts, State Court)
Case Number:	Confidential
Caption:	<i>Confidential v. Confidential</i>

Plaintiff(s) v. Defendants(s)

Confidential Confidential

Injuries Alleged:Other
(Other Text: Detail)**Injuries Detail:**

Bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome and possible RSD

First Demand:

\$130,000.00

First Demand Detail:

\$130,000

First Offer:

\$125,000.00

First Offer Detail:

\$125,000

Tried Before:

Not Applicable

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s)**Lead Attorney:**

Gonçalo M. Rego

Firm:

(Fall River)

Attorney(s) for Defendant(s)**Lead Attorney:**

Unspecified Attorney

Firm:**Insurance Carrier(s)**

No insurance companies involved

Plaintiff(s) Expert(s)**Expert:**

Dr. David Boland

Title:**Specialty:**

Other (Orthopedic)

Company/Institution:**City/State:****Defendant(s) Expert(s)**

No defendant experts