

## Man suffers internal bleeding in collision

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In May 2005, a husband and wife were injured in a car accident. The husband, 73, sustained internal hemorrhaging due to blunt trauma to the abdomen. He underwent extensive medical treatment and incurred significant pecuniary damages.

His wife, the operator, was 71 at the time and sustained minor injuries.

Initial contacts with the defendant driver's insurance company revealed that the insured carried a \$20,000/\$40,000 limit on her auto policy. There was no underinsurance coverage available through the couple's carrier. However, plaintiffs' counsel soon discovered that the defendant owned several investment properties.

A lawsuit was promptly filed and plaintiffs' counsel managed to obtain a real estate attachment. During discovery, it was further revealed that the accident had taken place while the defendant was in the course of her regular employment.

Plaintiffs' counsel then succeeded in his motion to add the defendant's employer as a responding party to the lawsuit.

Negotiations were complicated by the pre-existing conditions of the plaintiff, who had coronary artery disease and had lost a kidney to cancer. A substantial part of the settlement proceeds were paid through a structured plan and placed directly in an irrevocable trust for the plaintiffs.

Type of action: Motor vehicle negligence

Injuries alleged: Internal injuries

Name of case: Withheld

Court/case no.: Withheld

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

Amount of settlement: \$800,000

Date: August 2008

Attorney: Goncalo M. Rego, Law Offices of G.M. Rego, Fall River (for the plaintiff)

### Detailed Information

**Type:** Settlement  
**Total Value:** \$800,000.00  
**Verdict/Settlement Date:** 8/1/2008  
**Type of Action:** Motor Vehicle Negligence  
**Court:** Confidential  
**Case Number:** Confidential  
**Caption:** *Confidential v. Confidential*  
**Plaintiff(s) v. Defendants(s)**  
Confidential Confidential  
**Injuries Alleged:** Other  
(Other Text: Internal injuries)  
**Tried Before:** Not Applicable

**Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s)**

**Lead Attorney:** Goncalo M. Rego  
**Firm:** Law Offices of G.M. Rego (Fall River, Massachusetts)

**Attorney(s) for Defendant(s)**

No defendant attorneys

**Insurance Carrier(s)**

No insurance companies involved

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

No plaintiff experts

**Defendant(s) Expert(s)**

No defendant experts