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Representative Cases

CATASTROPHIC INJURY/DEATH

Caltrans wrongful death highway design case;

Complex motorcycle/quadruplegia cases includes negligence against driver, owner of RV park, professional negligence against roadway designers and constructors, inter-insurer disputes requiring separate break-out insurance coverage mediation;

Fitness trainer severely injured at facility to which she was an independent contractor. Lawsuit against facility and manufacturer of equipment;

Severe scuba diving injuries against dive operator, travel agent/tour operator, manufacturer, others. Case venued in US District Court in Hawaii;

Action for wrongful death and severe injuries to companion rider when motorcycle allegedly disassembled during a "wheelie", including actions against manufacturer and sub-manufacturer of front fork assembly;

Severe construction site injury from fall through unprotected hole at commercial building; multiple subs, employer negligence issues, insurance coverage issues;

Extensive third degree burns to young (21 month) girl from clothing catching fire on stovetop, alleged to result from defect design;

Action against machine manufacturer for design/manufacturing defect where removal of guard caused traumatic amputation;

Severe burns from high-voltage electrocution, essentially depriving plaintiff of use of both arms and other related injuries; claims of abuse of worker's compensation due to dispute as to plaintiff's actual employer, multi-faceted insurance coverage and bad faith claims;

Severe leg injuries alleged in rental golf cart rollover on golf course;

9.75M settlement in severe brain damage sustained in construction site accident;

8 yr old alleges MBTI from high-force impact dump truck rearends auto; complex medical, extensive allegations of prior misconduct, negligent entrustment and supervision issues, etc;

Wrongful death due to exploding pool filter, tragic circumstances; allegations of design/manufacturing product defect;

Employee alleges labor code violations, severe personal injuries from burns in altercation with co-employee – issues include multiple-carrier coverage and priority questions, workers comp exclusivity, vicarious liability of employer, among others;

7-party traumatic brain injury case arising out of intersection automobile accident allegedly due to vision obstruction by neighboring property owner and sign company, dangerous condition of public property during construction project, insurance coverage issues;

Tenant sues Landlord (Estate and Trust issues) alleging bird infestation in attic caused severe and disabling injuries, major insurance coverage issues;

Catastrophic injuries caused to two couples in rollover following tread separation/delamination of tire;

Serious brain injuries allegedly caused by helmet malfunction/design defect in motorcycle accident;

Catastrophic injuries in head-on collision allegedly caused by drunk driver during daytime in course and scope, significant coverage issues;

13-party motorcycle wrongful death action against Caltrans, construction designers, general and subcontractors, engineers, signage contractor/supplier, two drivers, coverage issues involving permissive user and loaned auto provisions;

Closed head injuries in snowmobiling accident defendant ski area alleged to be negligent in instruction and supervision of renters; design/manufacturing defects alleged in snowmobile;

Tread separation/delamination causes multiple injuries, death in rollover;

Wrongful death of female high school student on way to soccer practice, allegedly due to improper opening of defective minivan tailgate following head-on collision with another vehicle which crossed roadway;

Arbitration (sole arbitrator; settled before hearing); arbitration between two severely injured plaintiffs to determine division of proceeds from 7-figure policy limits settlement;

Two Highway Patrolmen severely injured in high-speed collision with semi against major trucking company;

Wrongful death of father and grandfather rear-ended by semi while stopped for highway construction;

Wrongful death in golf cart modified to transport employees and visitors within multi-building industrial complex;

Above-the-knee amputation in single-vehicle motorcycle accident involving “wheelie”;

Wrongful death of husband and father rear-ended by cement truck at red light;

Wrongful death of minor against multi-district public transportation authority;