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## VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

### Rear-end crash victim settles for \$1M

■ Heath Hamacher



Brent Arant

A MAN who was rear-ended by a loaded logging truck has settled his negligence claims for the insurer's policy limits of \$1 million, his attorney reports. Brent Arant of the Joye Law Firm in North Charleston represented the plaintiff, a 56-year-old man who was sitting at an intersection in Williamsburg County when the truck crashed into him from behind. Arant said that the truck driver appeared to be driving recklessly, evidence gathered from surveillance camera footage from a nearby gas station.

Many of the case's details, including the names of the parties and defense counsel, were withheld pursuant to a confidentiality agreement.

"She (the at-fault driver) did not slow and post-collision, she crossed the road and stopped her

truck approximately 100 yards away. It appeared that she may have had an overloaded load of logs on her truck, but this could not be verified," Arant said.

The man claimed negligence and negligent hiring and supervision, and Arant said that neither liability nor damages were contested.

The plaintiff suffered neck and back injuries that required a cervical fusion and future medical care, Arant said, and will not be able to return to work as a commercial truck driver.

"I could not flip a switch and make my client's injuries go away or make the wreck disappear, but what I could do is ensure that my client recovered every penny possible for what had been thrust in his life," Arant said. "From that perspective, we approached the case very methodical with the goal in mind to put the carrier and its attorneys in a position where they had to tender their limits."

#### **SETTLEMENT REPORT- MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**

**AMOUNT:** \$1 million

**INJURIES ALLEGED:** Cervical and lower back injuries

**CASE NAME:** Withheld

**VENUE:** Williamsburg County

**DATE OF SETTLEMENT:** January 2022

**INSURANCE CARRIER:** Withheld

**ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:**

Brent Arant of the Joye Law Firm in North Charleston

**ATTORNEY(S) FOR**

**DEFENDANT:** Withheld