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## **SETTLEMENT—Vehicles collide and strike pedestrian on sidewalk**

### **VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE**

Motor Vehicle v. Pedestrian : Miscellaneous/Excessive Speed

### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

*Gibson v. Collins*, No. TC015306, Compton. Rose Hom.

Settlement Date: 3/26/2003.

### **SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$115,000**

#### **COUNSEL**

Plaintiff: Michael Nourmand, Kokozyan & Nourmand LLP, Los Angeles.

Defendant: Kimberley Maxwell, Richardson, Bambrick, Cermack & Fair, Los Angeles. Paul V. Ash, Hanger, Levine & Steinberg, Woodland Hills.

#### **FACTS/CONTENTIONS**

According to plaintiff: A pedestrian was injured when he was struck by two speeding vehicles that collided and ended up on the sidewalk. The plaintiff was Charles Gibson. The defendants were Karena Collins; Aaron Holmes; and Debra Collins. Plaintiff was standing at the corner of Compton Boulevard and Maple Avenue when defendants Karena Collins and Aaron Holmes, driving their vehicles at an excessive speed, collided with one another. The force and the speed of the impact was so severe that it caused both vehicles to go up onto the sidewalk and come into contact with plaintiff's body.

#### **CLAIMED INJURIES**

According to plaintiff: Meniscus tear to knee with arthroscopic surgery.

#### **CLAIMED DAMAGES**

Not reported.

#### **SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS**

According to plaintiff: Defendants tendered their policy limits.

#### **EXPERTS**

Not reported.

#### **COMMENTS**

According to plaintiff: The insurance carriers were Allstate Insurance Company and AAA.