



Case Study: Personal Injury

Mansker: Motor Vehicle Accident

Mr. Mansker was in a low speed minor impact car accident on September 7, 2007. Mr. Mansker's car sustained less than \$700 in damage. The problem was that the accident caused Mr. Mansker to suffer an injury to his spine called a "central canal syndrome". Mr. Mansker had neck surgery shortly after the accident.

Despite that, State Farm, the insurer for the at fault driver, offered only \$5,000 as they did not believe that such a minor accident could cause such a major injury.

I filed suit against the at fault driver and met with Mr. Mansker's neurosurgeon to discuss how such a minor accident could cause such a major injury. The neurosurgeon recounted a prior patient of his that had had a "central canal syndrome". The patient had been on his knees weeding in the garden when he fell forward and caught himself with his hands and was paralyzed as a result.

I relayed this information to the attorney for State Farm's insured and State Farm paid its \$100,000 policy limits to settle the case.

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