

(Summary of Verdict/Settlement*)

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Superior Court, Los Angeles County, California.
Durand vs. XL Transportation, et al.

TOPIC:

Synopsis: Woman suffers partial fingertip amputation on limousine wine tasting excursion/limousine party bus.

DOCKET NUMBER: 30-2008-00114321

Case Name: *DURAND v. XL TRANSPORTATION, INC., BLUE MOON LIMOUSINE, TURTLE TOP, INC., and DOES 1-50, Inclusive*

Court: Orange County Superior Court - Central Division

Judge: Hon. Charles Margines

Case Type: Personal Injury - Limousine Bus, fingertip amputation.

Settlement: \$142,500.00

Year of Settlement: 2010

Plaintiff's Counsel: Michael Ehline, Esq. of Ehline Law Firm, PC and Chadwick Biggins, Esq., of Law Offices of Chadwick Biggins (Los Angeles, CA)

Defense Counsel: Shari L. Rosenthal, Esq., Sharon S. Jeffrey, Esq., Manning & Marder, et al.

Facts from "Joint Trial Statement": "Plaintiff Rhonda Durand was riding in a 2000 Ford E-350 limousine bus for a wine tasting tour on October 12, 2007. Plaintiff alleges she was injured when the tip of her finger was caught in an ice chest that was part of the limousine bus. Defendant Independent Protection Co., Inc., dba Turtle Top & Terra Transit purchased the Ford chassis, and refit it as a limousine bus. XL Transportation, Inc., and Blue Moon Limousine owned the limousine bus and was transporting the plaintiff on the date of the accident. Defendants denied any defect to the ice chest and claimed plaintiff caused her own."

Case settled for \$142,500.00

Additional Facts:

Plaintiff was taken to the hospital via ambulance from the scene. Thereafter, she had surgery called a thenar/pedicle flap. This involves opening the palm of the hand and inserting the finger tip inside to grow new skin around the bone. Victim's hand had to stay in this position for three weeks. A second surgery to remove the finger from the palm of the hand was also performed.

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