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Superior Court of Washington, King County

AMY SALEUMSAY v. HTRANS INC.

07-2-23338-5SEA

Arbitration Date: December 7, 2007

TOPIC: IMPROPER LANE CHANGE (CAR/**TRACTOR-TRAILER**)

SUMMARY:

Award: PLAINTIFF AWARD for \$17,500. (Trial de novo requested by Plff.)

EXPERT WITNESSES:

Plaintiff:

Medical: James Fackelman MD (Emergency Medicine) Renton; [Douglas Forgey](#) DC (Chiropractor) Vancouver; [Joel Konkiow](#) MD (Family Practice); [Thomas Tse](#) DC (Chiropractor), both Seattle

Defendant:

Medical: none

ATTORNEY:

Plaintiff: Michael L. Jacobs (Seattle)

Defendant: Michael E. Abrahamson of Hollenbeck, Lancaster, Miller & Andrews (Bellevue)

ARBITRATOR: Dennis Moran

RANGE AMOUNT: \$1-49,999

STATE: Washington

COUNTY: King County

INJURIES: SHOULDER, NECK & BACK INJURIES

Shoulder, neck and back sprains/strains. Plff subsequently had an MRI which showed a torn lumbar disc.

SUMMARY:

Specials: Med. \$5,776; Lost Wages - none; Days in Hosp. - none; Prop. Damage - vehicle totaled.

TEXT:

3/2/06 - Plff was driving her 1989 Mercedes Benz southbound on I-5 in Pierce County, Washington at approximately 9:05 a.m. The Def.'s driver was operating a 2004 Peterbilt **tractor-trailer** southbound in the lane immediately to the west of Plff's vehicle. Plff contended the Def.'s driver changed lanes to his left and collided with her vehicle. The Def. disputed liability and contended that Plff's vehicle entered its driver's lane. An independent witness claimed that the Def.'s vehicle entered Plff's lane of travel.

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