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Randall Road Wreck Settles for \$39K

Circuit Court of Illinois, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Kane County.

**State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Edison**

**Type of Case:**

**Insurance** • Subrogation  
**Insurance** • Automobile policy  
Vehicle Negligence • Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle  
Vehicle Negligence • Intersection  
Vehicle Negligence • Excessive Speed  
Vehicle Negligence • Inattention  
Vehicle Negligence • Centerline Violation  
Personal Property • Damage Personal Property

**Specific Liability:** Motorist negligently crossed over the centerline, causing a collision and damages paid by the other driver's **insurance** company

**General Injury:** Monetary damages

**Jurisdiction:**

State: Illinois  
County: Kane

**Related Court Documents:**

Plaintiff's complaint: [2007 WL 4792228](#)  
Defendant's answer: [2007 WL 4792227](#)

**Case Name:** State Farm Mutual Automobile **Insurance** Company, as subrogee of James R. Seeds v. Pearl L. Edison  
**Docket/File Number:** 07 ARK 323

**Settlement:** Plaintiff, \$39,092.45

**Settlement Range:** \$1 - 49,999

**Settlement Date:** Jan. 9, 2008

**Judge:** [Richard J. Larson](#)

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: [Harry Ray Chiles Jr.](#), Chiles & Associates, Wheaton, Ill.  
Defendant: [Jillian F. Book](#), Querrey & Harrow, Wheaton, Ill.

**Trial Type:** Settlement

**Breakdown of Settlement:**

\$38,812.45 to plaintiff in settlement proceeds  
\$280.00 to plaintiff for court costs

**Summary of Facts:**

James Seeds drove a 2006 Lexus GS300 south on Randall Road near its intersection with Bowes Lane in Elgin, Ill., in July 2006. Seeds carried liability protection with State Farm Mutual **Insurance** Company. Another motorist, Pearl Edison drove a 1992 Mercury Cougar. Edison was headed north on Randall Road and allegedly crossed over the center line, hitting the Lexus. According to Seeds, the ensuing collision caused \$38,812.45 in damage to his Lexus, money that State Farm paid him to cover his claimed losses.

State Farm exercised its subrogation rights by directing a negligent driving lawsuit at Edison in Kane County Circuit Court. The auto insurer alleged the defendant failed to properly control her vehicle, drove too fast for the existing conditions, failed to keep a proper lookout, failed to slow down to avoid an accident, failed to yield the right-of-way, and drove her vehicle on the wrong side of the road.

The defendant admitted a collision occurred but denied negligence or proximately causing the alleged damages to Seeds' vehicle.

The parties eventually settled their claims. According to court documents Edison agreed to reimburse State Farm \$38,812.45, plus \$280 for court costs, for a total of \$39,092.45 payable in monthly installments of \$50. The agreement reportedly called for an initial payment of \$13,009.32 by Geico. Judge Richard J. Larson signed the agreed order and dismissed the case Jan. 9, 2008.

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