

**PERSONAL INJURY  
VERDICT SUMMARY**

**Piper-Collins v. Vignole, Et Al  
- Civil No. 72215**

**FACTS:** Plaintiff Piper-Collins was a passenger in a vehicle operated by Defendant Stoloff, which was in the process of making a left turn on a green arrow when a vehicle proceeding in the opposite direction entered the intersection, colliding with the right passenger side of Defendant Stoloff's vehicle. Plaintiff Piper-Collins sued the Defendant host driver Stoloff as well as the operator of the other vehicle, Vignole. Defendant also sued Vignole, which latter Defendant claimed that she entered the intersection in compliance with a green light. Both Defendants contested liability, and the nature, causation, and extent of Plaintiff's injuries, particularly as to Plaintiff Piper Collins.

**INJURIES:** As to Plaintiff Piper-Collins - included closed head injury with post concussion syndrome and cognitive deficit plus blunt chest and abdominal trauma; as

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to Defendant/Cross Claimant Stoloff - neck and back strain and TMJ injury.

**DAMAGES:** Plaintiff Piper-Collins' medical expenses - \$9,111.26; lost wages - \$1,411.00; as to Defendant/Cross Claimant Stoloff - medicals - \$6,795.00; lost wages - \$350.00.

**EXPERTS:** Plaintiff Piper-Collins called Andrew Panagos, M.D., a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist with emphasis on head injuries; William Blair, M.D., a trauma surgeon; and Francis J. Fishburne, Ph.D., a neuropsychologist. Defendant Vignole called Robert A. Mendelson, M.D., a neurosurgeon. Defendant/Cross Claimant Stoloff called Herbert Joseph, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon, and Arnold Binderman, D.D.S., a TMJ specialist. Conflicting medical evidence was presented as to the nature, extent, and proximate cause of Plaintiff Piper-Collins' closed head injury and its sequelae.

**SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS:** Plaintiff's last demand \$100,000.00; Cross-Claimant Stoloff's last demand was of no consequence since Defendant Vignole would only settle with Stoloff if settlement could be reached with Plaintiff Piper-Collins - all settle or none settle. Defendant Stoloff made no offers of settlement and Defendant Vignole's last offers to both Plaintiff Piper-Collins and Cross Claimant Stoloff were \$13,000.00 each.

**JUDGEMENT:** Jury verdict in favor of Plaintiff Piper-Collins against Vignole for \$110,000.00 consisting of medical expenses - \$9,111.26; lost wages - \$1,411.00; and non-economic damages of \$99,477.74. The jury also found in favor of Cross Claimant Stoloff against Defendant Vignole in the amount of \$27,145.00, consisting of medical expenses of \$6,795.00; lost wages of \$350.00; and non-economic damages of \$20,000.00. Post trial motions will be filed. Judge Pineus presided.

*Arnold Blank, Chair  
Verdict Summary Committee*