



Million-Dollar VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS 2014



SETTLEMENTS

41

\$1,327,040

Claim: Adjuster stopped attendant care payments

This was plaintiff's third lawsuit against his automobile no-fault insurer, Titan Insurance Co., following plaintiff's suffering a traumatic brain injury in a May 24, 2000, motor vehicle accident.

The second lawsuit resolved with a contract to pay future family provided attendant care benefits, but the insurance adjuster decided to stop payments prematurely, necessitating a third lawsuit.

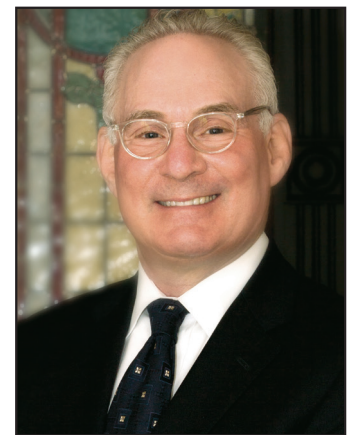
The parties settled the case with a more favorable contract to plaintiff, including a higher daily rate for attendant care than was previously agreed to; a longer-term contract (six years); and a provision for an annual cost-of-living adjustment increase in the daily attendant care rate. The total value of the settlement is \$1,327,040.

The most helpful witnesses to the plaintiff were the insurance adjuster and defendant's retained nurse expert.

Nicholas S. Andrews, co-counsel for plaintiff, provided case information.



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Type of action: No-fault benefits

Type of injuries: Traumatic brain injury

Name of case: *Patton v. Titan Insurance Co.*

Court/Case no./Date: U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan; 2012-cv-14751; May 15, 2014

Name of judge: Denise Page Hood

Settlement amount: \$1,327,040

Insurance carrier: Titan

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