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ADAMS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

**Zane Robert Taylor v. Zane G. Reed and
Telemanagement, Inc.**

Case No: 98-CV-2525

Judge: C. Vincent Phelps

Trial Dates: May 24 - 28, 1999

Plaintiff's Attorneys: Steven Silvern and
Thomas A. Bulger (Silvern Law Offices)

Defendants' Attorneys:

Zane G. Reed: Lorraine Parker and David Fawley
(Montgomery, Kolodny, Amatuzio, Dusbabek and
Parker, LLP)

Telemanagement, Inc.: Chad Neuens
(Warnquist & Associates)

Type of Claim: Personal injury - motorcycle/auto col-
lision. The plaintiff was riding his motorcycle and was in
a left turn lane on West 84th Street near the Fox Street
intersection. The defendant was driving his pickup truck
and was exiting a driveway to make a left turn onto 84th
Street. The plaintiff claimed that the individual defendant
took the right-of-way. The defendants claimed that the
plaintiff was negligent for using the left lane as a passing
lane, for speeding considering the traffic conditions, and
for failing to maintain a proper lookout. The plaintiff
alleged that the individual defendant was within the
course and scope of his employment with Telemanage-
ment at the time of the accident; the corporate defendant
disputed that claim. The defendants said that before this
accident, the plaintiff had missed about four years of work
because of previous, work-related injuries.

Injuries Alleged: Serious injury to the right leg resulting
in below-the-knee amputation. Medical expenses of ap-
proximately \$70,000. Economic damages of approxi-
mately \$600,000.

Final Demand Before Trial: \$600,000 total
(joint demand).

Final Offer Before Trial: \$100,000 total joint offer
followed by a \$100,000 offer from Zane Reed according
to the plaintiff's attorneys. \$125,000 joint offer according
to the defendants' attorneys.

Plaintiff's Expert Witnesses:

Officer Vecchiarelli (on accident reconstruction),
Thornton Police Department

Thomas Moore, MD (orthopedic surgeon),
Glenwood Springs

Patricia Pacey, PhD (economist), Boulder
Kimberly Hoyt, CP (certified prosthetist)

Defendants' Expert Witnesses:

Ronald Hensen, PhD (on accident reconstruction)
William Anthony (motorcycle specialist)

Verdict: For the plaintiff and against the defendant
Zane Reed:

\$471,000 for non-economic losses

\$569,200 for economic losses

\$10,000 for disability

\$10,000 for disfigurement

Total for the plaintiff and against the defendant Zane Reed:

\$1,060,200 (gross)

60% negligence charged to the defendant Zane G. Reed

40% negligence charged to the plaintiff

Zane Robert Taylor

For the defendant Telemanagement, Inc. and against the
plaintiff.

Note: Judgement entered in favor of the plaintiff and
against the defendant Zane Reed for \$636,120 plus
statutory interest and costs.