

# Admiralty

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## **Valerie Campbell v. Carnival Cruise Lines, et al**

**Settlement: \$6,300,000.00**

Valerie Campbell was a black jack dealer on a Carnival cruise ship and became ill with flu-like symptoms on a cruise. She was treated by the ship's doctors and eventually airlifted to Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami Beach, Florida, at which time she was diagnosed with a virus in her brain. Due to the delay in getting Valerie to a proper healthcare facility, and due to delays in diagnosis and treatment for her condition, Valerie suffered extensive brain injury resulting in quadriplegia. This case was litigated by Robert J. Dickman and Manuel Epelbaum.

## **Tirado v. Belcher Oil Company**

**Jury Verdict: \$3,500,000.00**

Steven Tirado was a deck hand on a tug boat, Mary Belcher, when the captain of the tug boat backed his boat into a large container vessel and due to the tug boat captain's negligence, the tug boat line became entangled in the propellers of the tug boat striking Steven Tirado on the leg and resulting in his hitting the floor and striking his head on the steel deck. Steven Tirado suffered significant brain injuries requiring two brain surgeries resulting in permanent brain injury and hemiplegia. Plaintiff successfully sued the container vessel as well as the tug boat company alleging maritime negligence and unseaworthiness. This case was tried before a jury by Robert J. Dickman and Manuel Epelbaum.