

Paraplegia and/or Hemiplegia

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.

Campos v. Baptist Hospital

Settlement: \$2,000,000.00

This case involved a young man who was having no logical symptoms, including loss of balance, change of mentation and was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Unfortunately, the treating neurosurgeon operated on the wrong side of the brain and removed healthy tissue and never got to the area that was diagnosed previously as a tumor. In fact, the Plaintiff never had a tumor, but was suffering from a brain infection, which was treated with medications. A settlement was entered on behalf of the Plaintiff, which provided benefits for the remainder of his life. This case was litigated by Robert J. Dickman and Manuel Epelbaum.

John Doe v. XYZ Hospital

Settlement: \$1,750,000.00

Plaintiff was twenty-six weeks pregnant when she presented to the emergency room with severe abdominal pain and lab work showing abnormal liver values. Rather than admit the patient or send her to a tertiary facility such as XYZ Hospital to obtain immediate care, the Plaintiff was discharged. Two days later, Plaintiff was admitted to XYZ Hospital suffering from pregnancy induced hypertension and preeclampsia. Emergency vaginal delivery was performed resulting in injury to the baby. The child today suffers hemiplegia and brain injury. This case settled with the hospital and obstetrician and is pending against the emergency room physician. This case was litigated by Manuel Epelbaum.

Love v. Veterans Administration

Settlement: \$1,200,000.00

Plaintiff was a Vietnam War veteran who suffered a sharp nail injury to his back and was treated for several years at the Veterans Administration. On the date in question, he presented to the emergency room at the VA hospital in Miami complaining of severe back pain and difficulty with urination. He was discharged home. The following morning, the Plaintiff found himself to be paraplegic. He was unable to move his extremities and was immediately rushed to the hospital where he was diagnosed as paraplegic. The Plaintiff sued the Veterans Administration alleging that the emergency room physician failed to properly assess the Plaintiff's condition and properly interpret an MRI which would have resulted in immediate admission and surgery. This case was litigated by Robert J. Dickman.