

## WRONGFUL DEATH AUTO ACCIDENT RECOVERY OF \$525,000

In this tragic case, our clients were driving westbound on State Road 90 in Miami, Florida on their way to Marco Island to vacation with family. The husband driver, his wife, their baby, and our clients' cousin, were along for the trip. Sadly, the family never made it to Marco Island. As the family approached the intersection of Southwest 137th Avenue and 8th Street, a Range Rover traveling southbound on Southwest 137th Avenue t-boned our clients' vehicle on the passenger side resulting in the death of the 21 year old wife. The wife was survived by her husband, their baby, and her parents.

The driver of the SUV, a prominent Miami businessman, claimed that the accident was caused by the husband driver speeding and running a red light. This, he argued, was supported by the traffic homicide investigation completed by the police. The police cited the husband driver for running a red light and causing the accident. The driver of the SUV also relied on the statement given to police, as

summarized in the traffic homicide report, by an independent witness in support of his position. The husband driver, however, held firm that the driver of the SUV was the one who ran the red light.

J.P. was retained to represent the estate of the deceased wife, the husband driver, the baby, and the deceased wife's parents just 2 months prior to the statute of limitations expiring. Prior to retaining our firm, two prominent law firms in Miami had turned down our clients' case. Once retained, our investigation revealed a different story. Rather than relying on the witness statements summarized in the traffic homicide report, we sought out the actual tape recordings of the witness' statements. After listening to the tapes, it became apparent that the witnesses were not crystal

clear as to who ran the red light and were not exactly sure as to what happened. Most of the thoughts offered by the witnesses were of "after-the-fact." Our subsequent deposition of the main witness revealed inconsistencies in the witness' testimony which brought his credibility into question. We also discovered through discovery that the driver of the SUV was on his cell phone and lost at the time of the accident. With the above discoveries and the use of an accident reconstruction expert, an economist, a before and after video documentary of the family's life, and an expert on the effects of cell phone use while driving, we were able to secure a settlement, in a hotly contested liability case, at the mediation of the case that served as the foundation for the baby's future.

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## VALENTINE'S DAY



The idea of Valentine's Day seems to have originated during the Middle Ages, somewhere around the

14th or 15th century. The holiday is named after Saint Valentine who was martyred. Other historians attribute the holiday as a celebration of the life of Saint Valentine. Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 as a festival of romantic love. Every February 14, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

## PRESIDENTS DAY



President's Day, or Washington's Birthday, as it is still legally known, was originally designed as a celebration of George Washington's' birthdate. In 1880, Congress voted to make this the first national holiday which honored an individual. In 1968, Congress enacted the Uniform Monday Bill, to give workers as many long weekends as possible. This moved, as many holidays, to a standard Monday each year. Many states were already honoring Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, and this celebration was combined with George Washington's birthday, for one federal holiday. It is observed on the third Monday in February each year.

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