

SEVEN FIGURE SETTLEMENT REACHED IN TOW TRUCK ACCIDENT CASE



In this case, attorneys Russell A. Dohan and J.P. Gonzalez-Sirgo reached a seven figures above policy limits settlement, after a 1 week jury trial where the jury deadlocked 5 to 1 in favor of our client's case resulting in a mistrial. The case arose from a wrongful death single vehicle accident. The decedent was a 35 year old husband and father of three young girls (one of whom had not been born yet), who had just taken a job with the Defendant Towing Company. The vehicle involved was a large tow truck which suffered a right front tire failure while traveling on I-75. This failure caused the large

tow truck to leave the roadway and enter the canal, where our client drowned. The essential allegation was that the tow truck company failed to maintain the vehicle, and more specifically, the tire, properly. It was ultimately discovered that the tow truck company knew the tire needed to be replaced before the incident, as early as when the vehicle was purchased several months earlier. It was also discovered that four days before the incident, the Florida Highway Patrol had inspected the tire and failed the truck for use by FHP because of the poor condition of the tire. The defense was essentially that our client took the wrong truck that day, and that he, himself, knew or should have known the tire was unsafe to drive on. The defense also alleged that our client's driving following the tire failure itself contributed to the vehicle ending up in the canal. After a 1 week jury trial where the jury deadlocked 5 to 1 in favor of our client's case resulting in a mistrial, a seven figures above policy limits settlement was reached by the parties.



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY



January 11 is Human Trafficking Awareness day. Human Trafficking Awareness Day is dedicated to raising awareness of sexual slavery and human trafficking worldwide. It started in 2007,

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when the U.S. Senate designated January 11th as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Although it is a U.S. initiative, the United Nations has begun to highlight this topic and working towards global awareness. Contact the National Human Trafficking Resources Hotline at 888-373-7888 for more information.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



Martin Luther King Day celebrates the life and accomplishment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MLK promoted Civil Rights through nonviolent civil disobedience. He is perhaps best known for his "I have a dream..." speech in 1963. He was assassinated in 1968. Martin Luther King, Jr. day became a federally recognized holiday in 1983. The first year this holiday was observed was 1986, and not by all states. In 2000 it became a nationally observed holiday in all states. Martin Luther King Jr. Day takes place on the third Monday of January each year. In 2014, Martin Luther King Jr Day has been designated as a Day of Service. Visit thekingcenter.org to find out about local events and ways you can help promote unity, fight racism, and promote justice.

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