

Memorandum

To: Claims Committee
From: Risk Management
Date: November 20, 2023
Re: Claudia Ruiz Jimenez v. Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Claim Description: On July 28, 2021, Claudia Ruiz Jimenez was stopped in the eastbound, left-hand turn lane of U. S. Hwy. 92 in Lakeland, waiting to turn left onto U. S. Hwy. 98 N. The light turned green and the vehicle in front of her started to move forward, but then stopped to yield to an ambulance heading southbound and entering the intersection with lights and sirens activated. Another PCFR ambulance was approaching Ms. Ruiz Jimenez from the rear and was unable to stop resulting in impact with the rear of her vehicle, which pushed her into the rear of the vehicle in front of her.

Bodily Injury: Ms. Ruiz Jimenez was transported by ambulance from the crash complaining of neck and back pain. She received follow-up care with a chiropractor as well as with orthopedic and pain management specialists. An MRI revealed disc herniations at levels C5-6 and L5-S1. She underwent branch block injections which did not provide any permanent relief, and is a candidate for additional injections.

Ms. Ruiz Jimenez total charges for past treatment are \$54,354.00.

This case was set for trial beginning May 20, 2024.

Request: We are requesting \$75,000.00 to settle this claim. Ms. Jimenez and her attorney Rob Roy with Kinney, Fernandez & Boire, P. A., agree to settle this claim in exchange for a full release.

Additional: Please review the attached letter from our retained counsel, Attorney Jonathan Trohn, with The Law Offices of Campbell, Trohn, Tamayo & Aranda recommending this proposal for settlement be accepted.

SETTLEMENT REQUEST: \$75,000.00

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November 16, 2023

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