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Lockwood v. Hicks and Nationwide Ins. Co., CV 05-4256

Facts: At about 6:30 am on April 18, 2005 the Defendant lost control of his car. His car went off the roadway at over 50 miles per hour and across an apartment complex parking lot. The car hit a van parked in front of the Plaintiff's apartment. The force of the impact launched the van into the Plaintiff's apartment where the Plaintiff was sitting on his living room sofa having a cup of coffee and checking his morning office e-mail on his laptop. The van partially landed on the Plaintiff shattering his collar bone and severely injuring his foot as well as hurting his back and neck. The Defendant claimed he blacked out because of a sudden medical emergency, which is a defense to a claim of negligence under Alabama law. During the discovery phase of the lawsuit, it was determined that the Defendant's "black-out" was caused by his misuse of medications. Mark Wolfe represented the victim in his liability case as well as his workers' compensation case. A policy limits settlement was reached in the liability case and the victim received a Permanent Total Disability award on the workers compensation claim.

Case Type: Motor Vehicle Collision & Workers Compensation