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Motorcyclist injured in crash reaches \$2.2M settlement

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A motorcycle rider who suffered catastrophic injuries in a crash on the way home from work has reached a \$2.2 million confidential pre-suit settlement in Greenville County, his attorney reports.

Eric Philpot of Philpot Law Firm in Greenville said the 50-year-old man, who was on his way home from work as a steel fabricator in Aug. 2018, was riding his motorcycle when a driver failed to yield at a stop sign and crashed into him.

The client suffered injuries to his head and had a broken shoulder, collarbone, ribs, foot, leg, and back. He also dislocated his knee and tore his ACL. The injuries required four surgeries. The broken leg was close enough to his pelvis to require a second surgery to repair inserted rods. Because of the physical nature of his job, the client was out of work for more than a year and was eventually let go.

The settlement, agreed to on Oct. 3, includes \$331,707 in

medical expenses and \$48,141 in lost wages. Philpot said that, fortunately for his client, the defendant had an umbrella policy that included sufficient coverage to provide the client with “some pretty good compensation.”

Philpot said that consistently updating insurance adjusters of the client’s condition helped get the case resolved promptly and fairly. Throughout the client’s treatment course, Philpot was in constant communication with the adjusters as to the nature and extent of the damages involved and the impact the crash had on the client and his family.

“I just didn’t plop this on them and demand a huge sum,” he said. “I kept prodding all along that we thought this was going to max out the limits and they were kind of ready to talk serious numbers when the time came ... It was our pleasure to fight for this family to ensure they got what they deserved.”

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Eric Philpot

SETTLEMENT REPORT – MOTORVEHICLE ACCIDENT

Amount: \$2.2 million

Injuries alleged: Head injury, broken collarbone, shoulder, ribs, spine, foot, leg, dislocated knee and torn ACL

Case name: Case settled before a suit was filed

Venue: Greenville County

Date of settlement: Oct. 3

Special damages: \$331,707 in medical costs, \$48,141 in lost wages

Attorney for plaintiff: Eric Philpot of Philpot Law Firm in Greenville