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Motor Vehicles

Facial Scar - No Cause Of Action

Injuries alleged:

Permanent two-inch vertical scar next to left eye

Name of case:

Huguelet v. Wilcos & Black

Court/case no.:

Kent County Circuit Court, #96-03425-NI

Name of judge:

Dennis Leiber

Damages awarded:

\$0 (no cause of action)

Date:

Sept. 16, 1997

Attorney for the plaintiff:

Withheld

Attorney for the defendant:

Robert B. Aardema

Name/city of most helpful experts:

Harold Jaffe, M.D., Lansing

Insurance carrier:

Allstate

Highest offer:

\$14,500

Other useful information:

Plaintiff, a 25-year-old male, was injured on I-96 when the defendant lost control of his vehicle and crossed the median, striking plaintiff's vehicle. Plaintiff's claim was that a visible two-inch scar was a permanent serious disfigurement. There was a conflict in medical testimony as to whether future revision surgery could make the scar less noticeable. The jury returned a verdict for defendants on the basis that the plaintiff had not sustained a permanent serious disfigurement.

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