

No Punitive Damages Awarded for Crash

Ron Zurek (Senior Partner/Los Angeles) In still another case where liability was fully admitted, Ron Zurek represented a young lady who had consumed considerable alcohol [0.19%] before she crossed a center line and struck another car head-on, causing an injury that crushed the kneecap of the other driver. The full amount of liability insurance had been offered but the plaintiff would not accept it, choosing instead to go to trial in order to seek punitive damages from the driver and to also try and establish liability on the driver's employer. Despite adverse toxicology testimony and a guilty plea by the client to a felony charge, the jury was convinced to find no malice and to thereby award no punitive damages.