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■ \$1 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Rear-ended crash plaintiff settles with commercial vehicle

MOTOR-VEHICLE COLLISION

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■ **Venue:** St. Louis Circuit Court

■ **Case Number/Date:**
Confidential/Feb. 12, 2019

■ **Special Damages:**
\$265,000 in medical bills

■ **Caption:** Confidential

■ **Plaintiff's Attorney:**
Craig M. Ortwerth,
Ortwerth Law, St. Louis

■ **Defendant's Attorney:** Confidential

A driver whose vehicle was struck from the rear by a commercial vehicle reached a \$1 million settlement, according to the plaintiff's attorney.

Craig M. Ortwerth of Ortwerth Law in St. Louis said the plaintiff was moving in the travel lanes of Interstate 70 in St. Louis when the defendant's vehicle struck him from behind. The plaintiff suffered spinal injuries and underwent a cervical discectomy, decompression and joint fusion of the C4 to C7 vertebrae.



Craig M. Ortwerth

Ortwerth said the defendant's driver originally blamed a different commercial vehicle for quickly changing lanes, allegedly causing the plaintiff to come to a stop on the highway. Ortwerth denied that allegation.

The case settled at mediation.