

Camden Jury Awards \$1.75 Million in Auto Case

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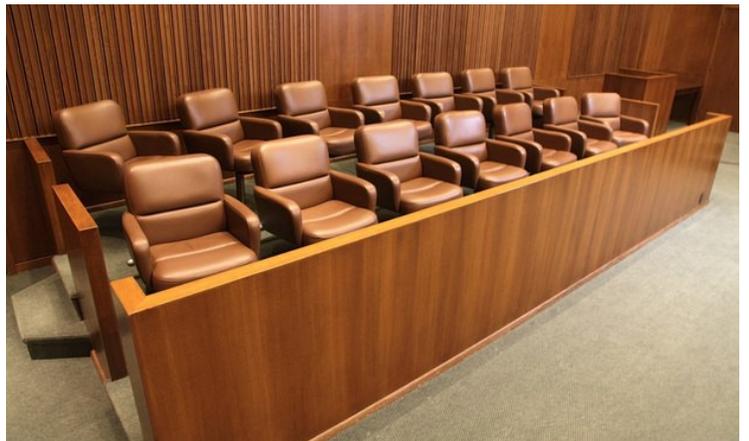
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In *McGlinchey v. Tran*, a Camden County jury on April 24 awarded a \$1.75 million verdict to a Runnemede man who was injured in a car accident in early 2015.

Plaintiff Brian McGlinchey, now 47, was driving a gray 2014 Acura ILX along West Clements Bridge Road in Runnemede when he was struck by defendant Thu H.

Tran, a pharmacist from Mullica Hill, on

Jan. 7, 2015, according to police reports. Tran, now 59, was operating a white 2012 Nissan Sentra on Highland Avenue, and according to police, struck McGlinchey's vehicle at approximately 2:28 p.m., after bypassing a stop sign at the intersection of West Clements Bridge Road and Highland Avenue.



Police reports noted that Tran disregarded the stop sign, leading to the collision with McGlinchey.

Prior to trial, Tran offered \$18,000 to settle the case, according to court documents. According to the plaintiff's attorney, **Lee D. Rosenfeld** of the Cherry Hill office of **Messa & Associates**, Tran stipulated to liability at trial.

John Dingle, of the **Law Offices of Pamela D. Hargrove** in Moorestown, represented Tran. Dingle did not return a call for comment.

Rosenfeld said his client exercised what's known as a limitation-on-lawsuit option, a "verbal threshold" where a plaintiff must prove a permanent injury in order to make a recovery.

"My client successfully did that," Rosenfeld said in a phone interview. "The jury determined that McGlinchey's injuries were permanent and caused by the accident."

Among the injuries McGlinchey sustained was a permanent lumbar disc injury with nerve compression. He required no surgery but underwent several months of physical therapy, medication, two epidural injections and pain management treatment, according to Rosenfeld.

After a two-year hiatus, he said McGlinchey resumed treatment for his disc injury and pain in November 2018.

McGlinchey, an emergency room technician, missed two months of work after the 2015 accident, but returned to work despite experiencing ongoing pain, Rosenfeld said.

"The jury awarded damages to compensate him for the pain and suffering that he will continue to endure for the remainder of his life," Rosenfeld said.

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