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Civil Law: Personal injury and professional negligence

Reported and/or Notable Cases:

Thirtle v Suckling: [1986] RTA 30 year old male suffered severe brain injury and orthopaedic injuries requiring substantial care package – award £360,000

Joglekar v Yorkshire Health Authority: [1990] SHO training to be paediatrician underwent negligent operation for removal of a lymph node and sustained permanent restriction of movement in shoulder due to severance of a nerve. Settled in sum of £300,000

Butters v Grimsby Health Trust: [1998] Female of child bearing age rendered infertile because of negligent removal of endometrium. Liability and quantum contested. Substantial cross examination of defendants medical experts. Won at first instance and in Court of Appeal and award increased.

Belt v Burnley Health Trust: [2002] Tetraplegia caused to family man in a fall whilst attending an out-patient clinic. Substantial care package required – settled in sum of £1.4 million.

Bigg v Bramley: [2002] Self employed electrical engineer sustained severe injury to fingers and hand causing severe disability and pain in carrying out his work. Settled in sum of £350,000

Similar cases:

School teacher injured in fall suffering injury to coccyx – chronic pain syndrome – settled at trial in sum of £300,000

Teacher suffered injury at school – substantial and difficult cross examination of medical experts. Case won on liability – award £300,000