
1/20/05 - Judge JOHN F. KELLY -
 CV 2003-2447 - BACK (Gary S. Grynkeiwich of
 Block Grynkeiwich, P.C.) v PIERINI (Douglas
 W. Glasson of the Law Offices of Edythe H.
 Kelly & Associates) - PERSONAL INJURY -
 REAREND. *Case being tried on Dfnt's appeal
 of Plntf's \$10,000 arbitration award.* Case also
 being tried as a Shortrial. Plntf, female, age
 31, a part-time childcare worker, was passenger
 in a vehicle that had just parked. Plntf alleged
 that, as she exited the vehicle, it was rear-ended
 by Dfnt. Dfnt, male, a jewelry store owner,
 admitted negligence, but argued causation. Plntf
 alleged she sustained an aggravation of
 preexistent cervical soft tissue injuries, with
 secondary residual nausea and dizziness. Plntf
 used the medical records of S. Steven Baker,
 D.C.; and Raymond P. Bakotic, D.O., a general
 practitioner, who were of the opinion Plntf's
 preexistent condition was aggravated by the
 instant accident. Prayer: Just and reasonable
 compensatory damages; plus an unspecified
 amount in medical expenses. Plntf made a
 pretrial demand of \$10,000 - Dfnt offered
 \$3,000 (P). (Carrier: State Farm Insurance.)
 During closing arguments, Plntf's counsel asked
 jury to award Plntf \$25,000. Defense counsel
 suggested \$5,000 to \$6,000 was adequate
 compensation. One day trial. By stipulation,
 four jurors deliberated. Jury out less than one
 hour. AWARDED PLNTF \$12,000 COMPEN-
 SATORY DAMAGES. UNANIMOUSLY.
