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# Pima County Superior Court Jury Trials

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11/7/07 - Judge DEBORAH BERNINI -  
CV 2005-1265 - GRACIA (Bonnie Shore  
Dombrowski of Jacoby & Meyers, L.L.P.) v  
STANDLEE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Douglas W.  
Glasson of Barassi, Curl & Abraham, P.L.C.) -  
PERSONAL INJURY - REAREND. *Case being  
tried on Dfnt's appeal of Plntf's \$19,146.46  
arbitration award.* Plntf, female, age 31,  
unemployed, alleged she was rear-ended by Dfnt.  
Dfnt, male, age 60, disabled, admitted negli-  
gence, but argued causation. Dfnt called Robert  
D. Anderson, B.S.E., an accident reconstruc-  
tionist and biomechanist, who testified the  
Delta V forces generated in the collision were  
3.5 miles-per-hour, which was similar to backing  
and stopping a bumper car or tying a shoe.  
Plntf alleged she sustained cervical, thoracic, and  
lumbar strains and sprains, with secondary  
headaches. Plntf called John W. McGettigan,

M.D., a family practitioner, who testified Plntf's  
treatment was reasonable and necessary, and her  
medical expenses were usual and customary.  
Dfnt called John S. LaWall, M.D., a neurolo-  
gist, who was of the opinion Plntf was not  
injured in the minor collision, and she  
exaggerated her complaints. Prayer: Just and  
reasonable compensatory damages; plus \$5,100  
medical expenses. Dfnt made a \$7,200 pretrial  
offer of judgment (P). (Carrier: State Farm  
Insurance.) During closing arguments, Plntf's  
counsel asked jury to award Plntf her specials,  
plus \$14,000 for pain and suffering. Defense  
counsel argued Plntf should take nothing. In the  
alternate, defense counsel suggested that, at  
most, \$2,000 to \$3,000 was adequate compensa-  
tion. Two day trial. Jury out one hour.  
AWARDED PLNTF \$11,840 COMPENSATORY  
DAMAGES. UNANIMOUSLY.

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