

## **Parties Settle For \$4.3 Million After Eastern N.C. Truck Accident**

**Type of Action:** Tractor trailer wreck

**Injuries Alleged:** Wrongful death and personal injury

**Name of Case:** Confidential

**Court:** Confidential

**Case No.:** Confidential

**Tried Before:** Mediation

**Name of Judge:** N/A

**Special Damages:** Confidential

**Verdict/Settlement:** Settlement

**Amount:** \$4,385,972.35

**Verdict Date:** February 2006

**Demand:** Confidential

**Offer:** Confidential

**Experts:** Steve Farlow of Accident Reconstruction Analysis, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina, accident reconstruction expert. Mark Valentine of The Visual Advantage, Raleigh, North Carolina, exhibit preparation.

**Insurer:** Confidential

**Plaintiff's attorney:** Doug Abrams & Peggy Abrams, Abrams & Abrams, P.A., Raleigh; Mark Locklear of Locklear, Jacobs, Hunt & Brooks, Lumberton.

**Person Submitting:** Doug Abrams

**Description:** Doug Abrams and Margaret Abrams of the law firm of Abrams & Abrams, P.A., Raleigh, North Carolina, and Mark Locklear of Locklear, Jacobs, Hunt & Brooks, Lumberton, report the combined confidential settlement of a wrongful death case and personal injury case for \$4,385,972.35. This case involved a tractor trailer wreck on a rural highway in eastern North Carolina. Extensive pre-suit investigation and accident reconstruction testing were performed. The defendants agreed to mediate the case after the lawsuit was filed and prior to the conducting of any formal discovery. The case was settled at the mediation.

Bob Beason served as the mediator. Steve Farlow of Accident Reconstruction Analysis, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina, was the accident reconstruction expert. Mark Valentine of The Visual Advantage, Raleigh, North Carolina helped with the preparation of mediation materials. The case was settled prior to February 2006, but the confidential settlement included a provision that the settlement information could not be disclosed until November 2006.