Automotive Case Involving Commercial Vehicles

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Automobile Accident: Negligent Operation: Wrongful Death: Confidential Settlement.

\$1,000,000.00 Settlement

Doug B. Abrams and **Margaret S. Abrams**, both of Raleigh, and **Patrick Dawson** of Marietta, Georgia, report a settlement for the estate of a man survived by his parents.

The plaintiff's decedent was killed in an automobile accident involving a commercial vehicle. The estate filed a lawsuit against the commercial vehicle owner, alleging negligent operation. The parties agreed to mediate the case before an answer would be required, and stipulated that defendant would have 30 days after the conclusion of any unsuccessful mediation before a responsive pleading would be due. At mediation, the parties settled for \$1 million. Other terms of the settlement are confidential.