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Collision on I-55 ramp leads to settlement for St. Louis man

Victim broke elbow, suffered nerve damage



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A St. Louis man injured in a September 2010 motor vehicle collision in northern Arkansas settled an insurance claim against another driver for \$90,000.

The names of the plaintiff and the defendant are confidential as a condition of the settlement, plaintiff's attorney Antoinette Schlappizzi said. She provided a copy of the Arkansas Highway Patrol accident report that outlined the

incident as follows:

The accident victim, a St. Louis resident who was 58 years old at the time, was driving a 2010 Toyota on an Interstate 55 service road and attempting to enter the southbound highway from an on-ramp when he was struck from behind by a 2009 Ford Ranger pickup driven by a resident of West Memphis, Ark.

The pickup's driver told state troopers the St. Louis driver was indecisive about whether to enter the interstate ramp

and didn't use a turn signal. The pickup driver was ticketed for following too closely.

Schlappizzi said her client suffered a broken elbow that caused numbness in his hand and required surgery to repair nerve damage. She said a lawsuit was initially filed in St. Louis County Circuit Court but then settled.

A defense attorney could not be reached for comment. Schlappizzi provided a copy of a canceled check paid to her client to confirm the settlement. **MO**

\$90,000 Settlement

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

- **Venue:** St. Louis County Circuit Court

- **Case Number/Date:** Confidential / Jan. 15, 2014

- **Mediator:** Michael B. Calvin

- **Caption:** Confidential

- **Plaintiff's attorney:** Antoinette Schlappizzi, Schlappizzi Attorneys at Law, St. Louis

- **Defendant's attorney:** Confidential