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## VIRGINIA'S LARGEST VERDICTS OF 2009 \$1.25 million

Plaintiff was a passenger in a car that was rear-ended at less than 25 mph. The car sustained moderate damage, and plaintiff was momentarily dazed and confused. She went to a hospital, where she was found to be alert and oriented but experiencing pain and dizziness.

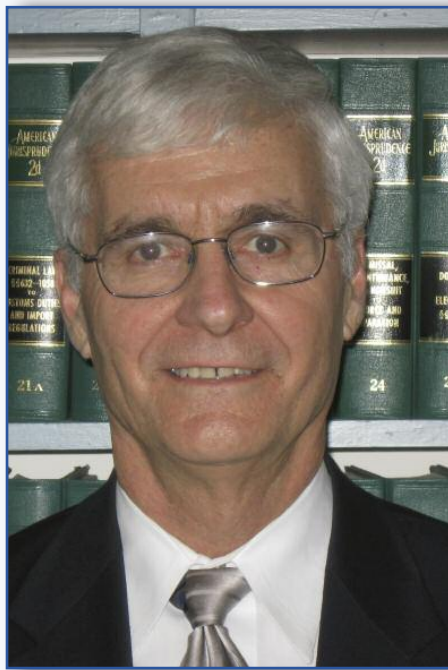
After the accident, the plaintiff began experiencing memory, attention and speech problems and was no longer able to continue in her work as a policy advisor because of

slowness in processing information and maintaining attention. With the help of her employer, she downgraded to a job with more routine tasks.

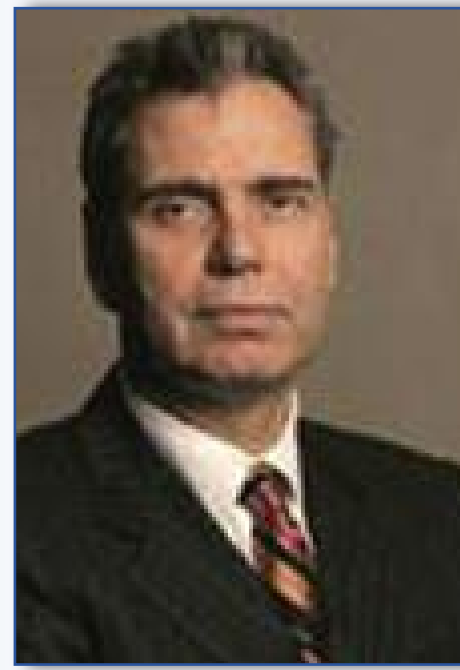
The defense emphasized the lack of objective evidence from a CAT scan and MRI and contended the circumstances of injury suggested that the cognitive deficits would not last longer than a year.



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**Type of case:** Personal Injury—Traumatic Brain Injury

**Name of case:** Confidential

**Court:** Stafford County Circuit Court

**Verdict or settlement:** Verdict

**Amount:** \$1.25 million

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