

And The Defense Wins

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On January 25, 2017, DRI member [William Kronenberg](#) received a unanimous defense verdict in a trucking accident jury trial. Mr. Kronenberg represented R & C Trucking and the driver of the 2008 Freightliner. The case was based on a December 12, 2013, collision on Interstate 80 near San Francisco when a Honda Civic lost control and flipped over in the number 3 lane at 2 am on the dark roadway. The truck was unable to avoid the collision and struck the Honda pushing it into the path of a Ford Ranger, in which the plaintiff was a passenger. The truck lost control, struck the sound wall at 50 mph, and burst into flames.

At trial the plaintiff claimed three back/neck surgeries due to the impact, including a two level lumbar and cervical discectomies and fusion, resulting in chronic pain and a total inability to work. The case was tried in the Alameda County Superior Court, Oakland Ca. and the 12-person jury found the operator of the truck was not negligent, based on the sudden emergency defense under California law.

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