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TYPE OF CASE: Motor Vehicle/Bicycle

COURT/CASE #: Macomb County Circuit Court/23-004261-NI

DATE OF DISPOSITION: August 11, 2025

TRIED/ARGUED BEFORE: Jury

NAME OF JUDGE(S): Diane M. Druzinski

DEMAND: \$10.5 Million

VERDICT/SETTLEMENT AMOUNT: No Cause

KEYS TO THE CASE:

Plaintiff took the position that as a bicyclist she had the rights of a pedestrian and the right of way when crossing at a controlled intersection. Plaintiff claimed that she thought the traffic lights were green for vehicle traffic proceeding in her direction of travel across the path of Defendant stopped at a red traffic signal. Plaintiff also relied on Defendant's testimony that he had been distracted from his observations of surrounding traffic when he was interacting with his kids in the vehicle while waiting for the traffic signal to change. The defense relied heavily on the fact that Michigan Statutory Law has specific rules for pedestrian signals and established that Plaintiff was in violation of that statute. The pedestrian signal for Plaintiff at the accident site had to be manually activated with a button and Plaintiff failed to activate it. Plaintiff also failed to stop her bicycle before crossing the intersection. The defense relied on special instructions relating to pedestrian traffic signals and emphasized the jury's duty to follow the instructions given by the court. Plaintiff admitted on cross examination that the pedestrian signal remained on "Don't Walk" unless manually activated with the button to change to "Walk."

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