

SECRET WARDLE SUCCESS STORIES

ATTORNEY: Cleveland B. Simmons, Executive Partner

TYPE OF CASE: Third-party auto

COURT/CASE #: Macomb County Circuit Court / 2024-000814-NF

DATE OF DISPOSITION: March 13, 2026

NAME OF JUDGE(S): Hon. Richard L. Caretti

DEMAND: \$1,000,000

VERDICT/SETTLEMENT AMOUNT: Summary Disposition Granted

KEYS TO THE CASE:

Cleveland Simmons prevailed on a Motion for Summary Disposition on the basis that Plaintiff did not sustain a threshold injury or serious impairment of body function as required by MCL 500.3135. Plaintiff was allegedly injured April 23, 2023, while working as a paramedic in an ambulance. It was alleged that Defendant driver disregarded the ambulance sirens and sounds, crashing into the ambulance. Plaintiff was in the back of the ambulance with a patient. However, emergency department records proved Plaintiff had no objective injuries. Furthermore, intensive discovery revealed that Plaintiff had missed approximately 45 months of work due to work-related injuries, the majority of which occurred before the subject accident. These work-related injuries were almost identical to the injuries claimed from the accident. Additionally, Plaintiff's records proved that his alleged hamstring tear arose when he returned to work after the accident. After arguing the Motion on two separate occasions, the Judge agreed with Defendants and granted summary disposition.

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