



Wheeler v. Jackson County et al.

2012 Automobile Collision Settlement, \$449,000

Venue: Jackson County, Missouri

In December 2012 The Accurso Law Firm settled a motor vehicle collision case for their client for \$400,000 and a \$49,000 payment towards medical bills. Lead attorney, Burt Haigh, represented Julie Wheeler who was struck by a Jackson County transportation bus in 2007.

As a result of the collision, Ms. Wheeler suffered a severe fibula and tibia fracture that required surgery to place a metal pin down the entire length of her fibula. Following surgery it was discovered that Ms. Wheeler also suffered permanent nerve damage, which will require doctor's care for the rest of her life.

It took several years before Ms. Wheeler's doctors could state with certainty the extent of Ms. Wheeler's injuries. Mr. Haigh stated that "this type of case requires that the attorney take the necessary time to allow the client to heal, which then establishes credibility that the client's injuries are as severe as claimed and gives the expert doctors the time to treat their patient and then deliver testimony that any jury will find compelling."

Defendant used video surveillance to secretly film Ms. Wheeler for nearly three days. At the end of their surveillance, all that they discovered was that she was truthful and did walk with a limp nearly six years following the accident.