

CHRISTINA MANAS vs. CARLOS M. RODRIGUEZ and ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO.

Docket No.: 03-17375 CA 05; FJVR Reference No. 06:5-35

Verdict Date: **February** 14, 2006; Publication Date: **May** 2006

TOPIC: Defense Verdicts - Motor Vehicle Accident - Running Red Light

RESULT: For the Defendants. (verdict)

STATE: Florida

COUNTY: Miami-Dade

JUDGE: Jon I. Gordon

PLAINTIFF PROFILE: Age: 26
Sex: Female
Occupation: Buyer

PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY: Thomas C. Horner, Miami

DEFENDANT ATTORNEY: Daniel J. **Santaniello** and Angela C. Capece of **Luks, Santaniello**, et al., Ft. Lauderdale for Rodriguez; Timothy Harrington, Miami for Allstate

CAUSE OF INJURY: On February 14, 2002, Plaintiff was traveling west through a green traffic light at the intersection of Bird Road and 67th Avenue in Miami when Defendant allegedly struck her vehicle. Plaintiff claimed that Defendant entered the intersection against a red traffic light. Defendant and a non-party witness called by Defendants' counsel both testified that Defendant had a green traffic light and that Plaintiff ignored the red signal, thus causing this accident.

NATURE OF INJURY: Wedge fracture at T7-T8; disc space narrowing at L5-S1; reversed spondylolisthesis at L4-L5 and L5-S1; right shoulder sprain.

PLAINTIFF EXPERT WITNESSES: Jose L. Hernandez, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery, Miami

DEFENDANT EXPERT WITNESSES: Salvador Ramirez, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery, Miami

DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS: Daniel **Santaniello:** Defendants served a Proposal for Settlement for \$ 1,001 on January 5, 2004; Plaintiff served a Proposal for Settlement for \$ 10,000 on September 7, 2004. Defendant is entitled to attorney's fees and costs.