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■ \$405,000 SETTLEMENT

St. Louis man reaches insurance settlement over car crash

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

- **Breakdown of value:** \$300,000 from USAA (liability policy limits); \$100,000 from Nationwide (underinsured motorists coverage); \$5,000 in medical costs
- **Venue:** St. Louis County Circuit Court (not filed)
- **Date:** June 27, 2016
- **Caption:** Kenneth Adams v. Kelly Oliver
- **Plaintiff's Attorney:** Mark A. Cantor; Cantor Injury Law
- **Insurance:** USAA (for Kelly Oliver); Nationwide (for Adams)
- **First Pretrial Offer:** \$140,000
- **Special Damages:** \$12,048 paid by plaintiff's union health insurer (repaid as part of settlement)
- **Injuries:** shoulder, arm, elbow, wrist, hand
- **Injuries detail:** torn rotator cuff
- **Plaintiff's Expert:** Dr. Corey Solman, St. Louis (medical-surgical specialties)

BY ALAN SCHER ZAGIER

Special to Missouri Lawyers Media

A 58-year-old St. Louis man who suffered a torn rotator cuff after being struck from behind in a 2013



Mark Cantor

Manchester traffic accident has received more than \$400,000 in a pair of insurance settlements.

Kenneth Adams, who was 56 at the time, was attempting to merge onto eastbound Manchester Road from Braeshire Drive when his 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix was rear-

ended by a 2010 Ford Flex crossover SUV driven by Michael Oliver, 41, of St. Louis. The collision occurred shortly after 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 22, 2013.

Adams refused treatment at the scene but later underwent shoulder surgery for a torn rotator cuff, said plaintiff's attorney Mark Cantor of Cantor Injury Law.

USAA initially offered Adams \$140,000 on behalf of policyholder Kelly Oliver, records provided by Cantor show. But the insurer agreed in late June to pay the injured driver \$300,000, the maximum amount available under Oliver's liability policy.

Adams received an additional \$100,000 from Nationwide for his own underinsured motorist policy, along with \$5,000 in medical payments. **MO**