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### Driver settles lawsuit after being injured in crash



**Mark Cantor**

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A 49-year-old St. Louis woman injured in a December 2012 two-car collision in Creve Coeur has settled a personal injury lawsuit against the other driver for \$475,000.

Andra Lettner-Nicastri sued Sarah J. Bostelmann, 78, in St. Louis County Circuit Court in 2014. Lettner-Nicastri was attempting to turn left from eastbound Olive Boulevard onto Woodcrest Executive Drive when her 2002 Jeep Liberty was hit by Bostelmann’s 2009 Honda Civic.

Lettner-Nicastri told police that two other drivers in the two nearest westbound lanes of Olive had waved her through the intersection before she was hit by

Bostelmann, who was in the far right lane.

Plaintiff’s attorney Mark A. Cantor said his client suffered a herniated disc, missed three months of work, costing her \$16,400 in wages, and had nearly \$220,000 in charged medical bills.

He initially demanded \$250,000 from Bostelmann, an amount representing her State Farm policy limits, before learning that the St. Louis woman also had another \$1 million in umbrella coverage. That demand was revised to \$630,000 and countered with an initial offer of \$275,000.

The suit was settled for \$475,000 in February, several weeks before a scheduled trial. Defense attorney Kenneth Lander of Kortenhof McGlynn & Burns in St. Louis called the agreement an “amicable settlement” that was reached “relatively quickly.”

■ **\$475,000 Settlement**

**MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>Venue:</b> St. Louis County Circuit Court</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>Case Number/Date:</b> 14SL-CC03320/February 17, 2016</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>Caption:</b> Andra Lettner-Nicastri v. Sarah Bostelmann</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>Injuries Alleged:</b> head, brain, neck</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>Injuries Detail:</b> herniated disc in lumbar spine requiring surgery to repair</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>Special Damages:</b> \$219,699.35 in charged medical bills; three months of lost wages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>First Pretrial Demand:</b> \$250,000 (policy limits)</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>First Demand Detail:</b> Withdrawn after advised of additional \$1 million umbrella coverage and subsequently raised to \$630,000</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>Last Demand:</b> \$500,000</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>First Pretrial Offer:</b> \$275,000</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>Last Pretrial Offer:</b> \$475,000</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>Judge:</b> John D. Warner Jr.</li> </ul>
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- **Plaintiff’s Attorney:** Mark A. Cantor, Cantor Injury Law, St. Louis
- **Defendant’s Attorney:** Kenneth Lander, Kortenhof McGlynn & Burns, St. Louis
- **Insurance:** State Farm (for Bostelmann)