

■ \$15 MILLION
SETTLEMENT

Head-on crash results in large settlement

MOTOR-VEHICLE COLLISION

■ **Venue:** Confidential Missouri state court

■ **Case Number/Date:** Confidential/Jan. 20, 2020

■ **Plaintiff's Experts:** Bill Turley, Columbia (insurance coverage and bad faith); Stan Oglesby, Concordia (accident reconstruction); Nancy Grugle, Colorado Springs, Colorado (human factors); John Ward, Prairie Village, Kansas (accounting, damages, economics); Terry Cordray, Shawnee Mission, Kansas (vocational); Dr. Mitch Mullins, Springfield (life-care planning); Dr. Norbert Belz, Springfield (life-care planning)

■ **Caption:** Confidential

■ **Plaintiff's Attorney:** AW Smith, The AW Smith Law Firm, Columbia

■ **Defendant's Attorney:** Confidential

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A group of plaintiffs injured in a head-on collision reached a \$15 million settlement with the at-fault driver, according to their attorney.

AW Smith of The AW Smith Law Firm in Columbia said the crash occurred in October 2016. The defendant was headed eastbound on a two-lane road around 9:30 p.m. when his vehicle crossed the center line and struck the plaintiffs' westbound vehicle. Smith said the defendant told police that he fell asleep.

Smith declined to provide further details about the case. An attorney for the defense confirmed the settlement but otherwise declined to comment.

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