

## Auto Crash Case Yields Seven Figure Verdict

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He remains scarred across his face, abdomen, and knee, and he has cognitive and physical impairments. He is also unable to resume his life as a truck driver, a vocation he enjoyed for many years prior to this crash.

Not long after the crash, Mr. Lee and his wife, Jennifer, hired attorney Steven Lubell of Ft. Lauderdale to investigate their case. Mr. Lubell made a demand upon the insurance company representing Mr. Scott, but the terms of the demand were not met. A lawsuit against Mr. Scott was then filed, after which Mr. Lubell referred Mr. Lee to the SDSBS firm.

Numerous experts were retained throughout the litigation of this case, which spanned almost three years. Accident reconstructionists, vocational rehabilitation experts, economists, neurologists, and neuropsychology and neuropsychiatry experts were called by both sides to testify. The defendant not only disputed the extent of Mr. and Mrs. Lees' damages, but he also denied fault for the crash.

After three years of litigation, attorneys Karen Terry and Harry Shevin tried the Lees' case in Broward County before Judge Robert Carney. The jury, which consisted of three men and three women, found Mr. Scott 100% at fault for the crash. Mr. and Mrs. Lee were awarded a total of \$1.038 million in compensatory damages. ■



*Deanna Bache's car after the accident on May 23, 1999.*

## *Hit by Drunk Driver, Woman Suffers Effects*

On May 23, 1999, Deanna Bache, 34, was on her way home to Jupiter Farms after picking up pizza. At approximately 8:40 p.m., Mrs. Bache was traveling westbound in her 1992 Mitsubishi on Indiantown Road approaching the intersection of I-95. At the same time, a drunk driver, operating a 1996 Chevrolet owned by a major telecommunications company, was traveling eastbound on Indiantown Road. In an attempt to turn left onto the I-95 on-ramp, the drunk driver turned directly into Mrs. Bache's vehicle. The impact was so severe that the Jaws of Life had to be utilized to extract Mrs. Bache from her car. Mrs. Bache was transported to Jupiter Medical Center, where she was treated for severe injuries to her head, bruising on her chest, and a deep laceration on her left knee.

Subsequent to the crash, Mrs. Bache underwent extensive medical treatment for her neck, back, and knee problems. Her care eventually culminated in a three-hour back surgery in 2001, aimed at relieving the pain she had been suffering since the crash.

Prior to being injured, Mrs. Bache was employed in the Security Department of AT&T, working approximately 50 hours per week. Due to her convalescence following the crash, she was unable to work for roughly three months. She then returned, but was only able to work 20 hours per week due to her limitations and her pain. Mrs. Bache lost significant income and incurred major medical expenses in seeking care for her injuries. She also continues to suffer from chronic depression, for which she must take prescribed antidepressants.

Attorney Earl Denney represented Mrs. Bache and her husband, James. Throughout the prosecution of the case, the attorneys representing the drunk driver disputed fault in the crash. In August 2002, as Mr. Denney prepared for the trial of the case, a settlement was reached for the Baches in the amount of \$550,000. ■