

# CHARACTERISTICS OF SUMMARY JURY TRIALS IN NORTH CAROLINA STATE COURTS, 1987-1991.

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## "RECONFIGURING THE SUMMARY JURY TRIAL"

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Case #	Type of Case	Binding with High-Low/Stipulation	SJT Result	Case Outcome	Primary SJT Issue	Time of Complaint to SJT	SJT Length	Est. Trial Time	Case #
1	Auto	No	\$73,250 - P \$16,700 - D2	Settled during jury deliberations P - \$50,000, D2 - \$12,00	Valuing Injuries/damages for Plaintiff and Defendant <sup>2</sup>	19 Months	6 Hours	2-3 Days	1
2	Auto	Yes (\$15,000/3,500)	\$6,600	Settled per high/low	Valuing damages	19 Months	5 Hours	4 Days	2
3	Auto	Yes (\$30,000/9,000)	\$5,000	Settled per high/low	Valuing the child's injuries (facial scars)	20 Months	7 Hours	3 Days	3
4	Auto	Yes (\$70,000/\$40,000)	\$27,000 - P	Settled per high/low	Valuing damages	41 Months	5 Hours	5 Days	4
5	Auto	No	\$15,000 - P	Settled for \$13,000	Valuing the child's injuries (facial scars, broken collar bone)	21 Months	3 Hours	2 Days	5
6	Auto	No	\$3.65 Million - P	Settled for policy limits + cost	Assessing the negligent entrustment theory	18 Months	7 Hours	3 Weeks	6
7	Auto	No	\$1,500 - P	Settle for \$3,500	Valuing the legitimacy and extent of P's injuries	19 Months	3 Hours	1-2 Days	7
8	Auto	No	\$10,000 - P	Settled for \$9,000	Valuing damages	17 Months	3 Hours	1-2 Days	8
9	Auto	Yes	\$205,900 - P	Settled per high/low	Valuing damages	2 Months	10 Hours	1 Week	9
10	Auto	Yes (\$45,000/\$25,000)	\$22,000 - P	Settled at low	Valuing damages (assessing future claim against another	19 Months	5 Hours	3-4 Days	10
11	Auto	Yes (\$32,000/\$12,000)	P's contributory negligence barred recovery	Settled at low	Valuing damages	16 Months	9 Hours	3 Days	11
12	Med. Mal.	Yes (\$1,500,000/\$300,000)	\$8.0 Million	Settled at high	Determining liability (obstetrical malpractice)	7 Months	16 Hours	3 Weeks	12
13	Med. Mal.	Yes (\$725,000/\$300,000)	\$867,000	Settled at high	Determining liability (failure to detect cancer)	29 Months	18 Hours	2-3 Weeks	13
14	Med. Mal.	Yes (\$1,550,000/\$350,000)	\$685,000	Settled for \$685,000	Valuing damages (obstetrical case)	14 Months	14 Hours	2 Weeks	14
15	PI - Products Liability	No	Settled during SJT	Settled during SJT	Determining liability	29 Months	Settled in SJT	2 Weeks	15
16	PI	No	\$80,000	Settled for \$45,000	Contributory Negligence	33 Months	4 Hours	3-4 Days	16
17	PI	No	P's contributory negligence barred recovery	Settled within a few weeks of SJT	Assessing P's contributory negligence	17 Months	6 Hours	4 Days	17