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Ambulance Negligence - The plaintiff (a pregnant woman, age 21 and on the way to the hospital with abdominal pain) suffered paralyzing injuries when her ambulance driver became distracted and crashed into a sugarcane truck – the plaintiff settled with the ambulance company for

\$11.25 million and sought additional sums at trial from excess insurers

Lacey v. Acadian Ambulance,
69812 and 70538

Plaintiff: William N. Gee, III,
Lafayette, Kurt B. Arnold and Michael
Pierce, *Arnold & Itkin*, Houston, TX and
Tony M. Clayton, *Clayton Fruge Ward*,
Port Allen

Defense: Larry M. Roedel, *Roedel*
Parsons Koch Blache Balhoff &
McCollister, Baton Rouge for Acadian
Ambulance

Robert I. Siegel, *Geiger LaBorde &*

LaPerouse, New Orleans for Westchester
Surplus

Michael Sistrunk, *McCranie Sistrunk*

Anzelmo Hardy McDaniel & Welch,

Covington for RSUI Indemnity

David P. Salley, *Salley Hite Mercer &*

Resor, New Orleans for Steadfast

Insurance

Robert E. Kerrigan, Jr., *Deutsch Kerrigan*

& Stiles, New Orleans for Indian Harbor

Insurance

Verdict: \$116,939,241 for plaintiff

Parish: **Iberville**

Judge: William C. Dupont

Date: 8-1-12

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Trial Judge _____ Date Verdict _____

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For plaintiff _____ (Name, City, Firm)

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Injury/Damages _____

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Bank Negligence - In the days after Hurricane Katrina, a bank in Kentwood was operating on a generator – the generator was poorly placed and carbon monoxide fumes contaminated the building – against this backdrop a bank courier, who was waiting on papers in the bank for several hours, suffered poisoning – a short time later while driving on I-55, the poisoning caused him to lose consciousness and crash – in the resulting crash he suffered blunt force trauma, including a collapsed lung and ruptured spleen

Banks v. First Guaranty Bank, 06-2700

Plaintiff: Christopher Moody, *Moody & Johnson*, Hammond
 Defense: David J. Krebs and Richard E. Baudouin, New Orleans and J. Wade Sweat, Jackson, MS all of *Krebs Farley & Pelleteri*
 Verdict: \$375,072 for plaintiff
 Parish: **Tangipahoa**
 Judge: Elizabeth P. Wolfe
 Date: 8-9-12

In the days after Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005, First Guaranty Bank of Hammond was without power. It still provided limited banking service to its customers by having a generator installed. Fred Banks, who works as a

bank courier, came to First Guaranty Bank on the morning of 9-1-05. The generators were working.

Banks would remember having to wait several hours for documents. Banks and banks employees as well, began to complain of symptoms related to carbon monoxide exposure. Apparently the generators in the bank were not properly ventilated. Several employees sought treatment.

Banks believed he was well enough to leave the bank and continue his work. A short time later he traveled on I-55 between Hammond and Amite City. Suddenly he suffered a fainting spell. He

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