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**Auto Negligence - The plaintiff complained of ongoing low-back pain after a moderate chain-reaction rear-ender – a jury in Lebanon awarded most of her medical bills (\$62,920) and \$10,000 more in non-economic damages for a total of \$72,920**

*Lorenzo v. Cole*, 22-49

Plaintiff: Evan Vineyard, *Hughes & Coleman*, Columbia

Defense: Cody F. Fox and Keil Huber, *Santel Garner*, Murfreesboro

Verdict: \$72,920 for plaintiff

Court: **Wilson**

Judge: Clara Byrd

Date: 3-12-25

Yesenia Lorenzo was driving a Jeep vehicle on 2-19-21. It was a snowy day but the roads were mostly melted. She came to a stop at a red light in line of traffic on Lebanon Road near Greenhill Road. A moment later she was rear-ended by Michael Cole who had just crested a hill. It was a hard hit.

This was a chain-reaction rear-ender of sorts. Lorenzo (the third in the line of four cars Cole being fourth) was knocked into the car in front of her. That secondary collision was a hard one too. That second car then hit the first. Cole admitted fault for the collision.

Lorenzo went by ambulance to TriStar Summit Medical Center and was treated for soft-tissue symptoms. She subsequently underwent several rounds of physical therapy which included follow-up with an orthopedist. She also had a course of chiropractic care. She ultimately treated from the state of the wreck through September of 2023.

Lorenzo continues to complain of persistent low-back pain. Her injuries were confirmed by Dr. Robert Landsberg, Orthopedics,



*Images of the front and back impacts to Lorenzo's rust-colored Jeep*

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\$25,000. Active Wellness replied there was no legal basis for additur and the General Assembly has limited damages in this context to \$25,000. The additur motion is also pending.

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**Employment Retaliation - An HR boss for a personal injury law firm (she's a lawyer too) alleged she was fired in retaliation for complaining that the firm paid female attorneys less than men as well as complaining a secretary wasn't being paid overtime – the law firm replied she was let go because of poor performance – a Memphis jury found for the plaintiff on several retaliation counts and awarded \$3.274 million in damages including punitive damages of \$2.5 million**

*Mosby v. Reaves Law Firm, 2:23-2099*

Plaintiff: William B. Ryan and Janelle C. Osowski, *Donati Law Firm*, Memphis

Defense: Jonathan C. Hancock and Dean J. Shauger, *Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz*, Memphis

Verdict: \$3,274,857 for plaintiff

Federal: **Memphis**

Judge: Samuel H. Mays, Jr.

Date: 5-7-25

Andrea Mosby, who is a labor and employment attorney, made a career in human resources. She worked eighteen years for Memphis Gas Light & Water (MGLW) as in-house counsel. Mosby was looking for a new opportunity in May of 2022. She met with William Reaves who operates the Reaves Law Firm. The firm described itself as focusing on personal injury law and being dedicated to fighting for innocent accident victims.

Reaves interviewed Mosby for what would be a position called Chief People Officer. As the new CPO, Mosby would handle not just HR issues, but generally improve the firm's image, make it a better place to work as well as improving retention and recruitment. Reaves was impressed with Mosby and offered