



MartinWren, P.C. Secures \$1.81 Million Federal Court Settlement for Married Couple Following Rear-End Auto Collision

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, UNITED STATES, September 2, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Civil trial law firm [MartinWren, P.C.](#) announces it has secured a \$1,810,000 settlement in the Eastern District of Virginia federal court on behalf of a husband and wife who suffered traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) and aggravated mental health conditions after their vehicle was rear-ended in Richmond.

The collision occurred while the couple was stopped in traffic. Although both individuals were ambulatory at the scene and initially diagnosed at an emergency room with soft tissue injuries only, both were independently diagnosed with concussions several days later after experiencing severe, persistent symptoms.

Over the following months, both husband and wife suffered significant TBI-related complications, including cognitive impairments, executive dysfunction, and severe exacerbations of pre-existing anxiety and depression. At the time of the crash, the husband had just received medical clearance to return to his high-paying career following a prior concussion. Due to the severity of the new injuries, he was unable to resume his employment.

During litigation in federal court, the defense aggressively contested liability for the long-term damages. Defense experts argued that both spouses' ongoing symptoms were attributable to pre-existing medical and behavioral health histories rather than the collision, pointing specifically to the husband's prior concussion.

To overcome these defenses, the legal team relied on thorough neurological treatment, neuropsychological evaluations, and objective validity testing to establish the new trauma caused by the crash and demonstrate the husband's genuine commitment to recovering and returning to work.

"Litigating dual-plaintiff traumatic brain injury claims in Virginia's 'Rocket Docket' presents unique evidentiary and procedural challenges, particularly when our clients' deficits were attributed to prior medical histories," said [Robert E. Byrne, Jr.](#), Managing Shareholder at MartinWren, P.C. "By leveraging thorough neurological examinations, neuropsychological testing, and forensic evidence, we were able to demonstrate the profound, life-altering impact this collision had on both spouses and secure a full resolution prior to trial. We are happy that they are able to rebuild their lives after this crash."

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