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## MILLION DOLLAR SETTLEMENTS OF 2009

### PERSONAL INJURY

# #10 (tie)

# \$2.5 million

## Confidential

**Type of Case:** Personal injury

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**Summary:** Plaintiff is a 38-year-old man who is confined to a wheelchair by a medical condition similar to muscular dystrophy. As he was getting off a bus, he fell forward onto the pavement when a ramp fell.

He suffered an injury to his right shoulder that left it too weak to allow him to independently transfer to and from his wheelchair. As he became more dependent on his left side, he developed chronic pain on his left side and neck. He incurred \$69,000 in medical bills, and will require \$20,000 a year for medications and equipment in his home to compensate for his lack of strength.



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