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■ \$1.5M JUDGMENT (OUT OF STATE)

Mediator finds for sleeping driver injured in Illinois truck crash

MOTOR-VEHICLE COLLISION

- **Venue:** Effingham County, Illinois
- **Case Number/Date:** Not filed/July 8, 2019
- **Plaintiff's Experts:** Kent Jayne, Iowa (vocational); Rebecca Summary (accounting, damages, economics)
- **Caption:** Confidential v. H & H Freight, Northland Insurance, Hallmark Insurance
- **Plaintiff's Attorney:** Kevin J. Roach, Law Offices of Kevin J. Roach, Chesterfield



Kevin J. Roach

truck driver, leaving her with a serious lower back injury requiring a lumbar fusion, as well as a head injury and PTSD.

Another woman was injured in a separate vehicle and was represented by a different firm. The defendant driver's company had insurance limits of about \$1.9 million after paying prop-

erty damage claims. Roach said the parties could not agree how to split the proceeds, so they agreed to mediate the case prior to litigation.

The mediator entered a judgment for Roach's client of \$1,500,000 and awarded the remainder to the other injured party. The defendant company didn't admit fault.

Roach asked that his client not be named.

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A woman injured in a trucking accident in Effingham County, Illinois, received \$1.5 million after entering binding mediation with the responsible party, according to her attorney.

Attorney Kevin J. Roach said his client was asleep in her cab when she was hit by another