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Panter, Panter & Sampedro, P.A. Achieves Justice Despite the Worker's Compensation Immunity Defense:

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On March 14, 2007, a forklift driver was working in a refrigerated area of an airline facility at Miami International Airport.

The forklift driver drove through opaque curtains backwards, at a high rate of speed, and without stopping. Within feet of the curtain, he collided with another worker, who was on foot. During videotaped cross-examination, the forklift driver acknowledged that there was no doubt he knew about the pedestrian traffic. He also acknowledged that he could not see through the curtain on the date of the accident. Ultimately, he admitted that had he made a complete stop and inched little by little through the curtain, the pedestrian worker would not have been injured.

The defendant's very competent defense lawyers asserted that their clients were entitled to worker's compensation immunity.

Brett Panter argued that this accident was a consequence of unrelated works and that there was an exception to worker's compensation immunity. The Defendant argued that there were policies requiring the pedestrian worker to use a second-floor hallway to avoid the doorway where the curtains were located.

The pedestrian worker was severely injured in the collision. The forklift caused traumatic crush injuries to his right foot. He underwent multiple surgeries. Despite doctor's best efforts, his foot became

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gangrenous, and months after the accident a "chopart amputation" was performed. Panter, Panter & Sampedro, P.A., hired life care planners who were able to prepare a life care plan to prove what medical care and support was necessary to help the pedestrian worker live a comfortable life despite his grievous injuries. The case ultimately settled for \$3.7 million. The pedestrian worker will receive the funds necessary to enable him to live financially independent for the rest of his life.



Brett Panter would like to thank Barry Stein, a well-recognized lawyer and excellent worker's compensation attorney, for bringing this matter to him and for working with him towards a successful conclusion. Brett would also like to recognize the firm's associate Joshua Wintle for his work on this case.

Personal Injury Protection Seminar

Panter, Panter & Sampedro, P.A. continues to have an entire department solely dedicated to representing various health care providers in first party claims. With a combined experience of 19 years, Chris Carrazana and Zach McWilliams lead a team of seven staff members in the firm's efforts to maximize patient care cost recovery. The firm anticipates having its annual seminar on securing personal injury benefits in the coming weeks. Feel free to contact our law firm if you do not receive a personal invitation.

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