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Settlement: \$5,000,000

Judge: (IL Cook-Law)

Pltf Atty: Joseph A. Power, Jr. and Larry R. Rogers, Jr. of *Power, Rogers* and Martin A. Dolan of *Dolan & Shannon*

Jan. 26, 2001 a 15-passenger Salvation Army van was taking 10 visitors from Chicago to the Dwight and Pontiac Correctional Centers when its driver allegedly failed to reduce his speed despite icy pavement on southbound I-55. The van veered into the northbound lanes, where it hit a truck. The van's driver and 9 passengers were killed instantly—including F-31 (survived by her father and 7 siblings—no medl. expense or LT claimed). Paid: Salvation Army and Estate of Garneal Matthews (Zurich); van manufacturer DaimlerChrysler Corp. (self-insured). The amount of each def't's settlement contribution and the bases for DaimlerChrysler's alleged liability are subject to a confidentiality agreement. However, according to an October 21, 2003 article in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin newspaper, this lawsuit faulted a steering defect in the van as well as the driver's negligence.