

\$2,540,000

Motorhome Rollover  
**PRODUCT LIABILITY**

**FACTS:** Eight Plaintiffs were traveling in a motor home manufactured and sold by Defendants. While on the Freeway, Plaintiffs were struck in a rear end collision by a drunk driver. After the impact, the motor home went out of control, struck the center divider, and rolled over.

**CONTENTIONS:** Plaintiffs contended that the motor home was defective in design since it was unstable, had an inadequate center of gravity, and it was likely to rollover in a foreseeable rear end collision of this type. Plaintiffs also contended that the motor home was uncrashworthy. Defendants contended that the motor home was not defective in that the center of gravity was in an appropriate location and when manufactured, the motor home met all state and federal regulations. Defendants also contended that the accident was the fault of the drunk driver who was speeding and driving under the influence; and plead guilty to gross vehicular manslaughter, driving under the influence, and felony hit-and-run. Defendants further contended that the driver of the motor home was negligent in failing to brake, over-steering the vehicle, and allowing it to strike the center guardrail. Defendants also claimed that the motor home was overloaded and Plaintiffs were negligent for failure to wear seat belts.

**INJURIES:** The death of a 12 year-old minor; multiple fractures and crush injury to a 16 year-old; 40 year-old adult sustained 2 cervical disc herniations (disputed) with no surgery; 11 year-old minor sustained a fractured hip; abrasions, and soft tissue to a 9 year-old minor and a 46 year-old adult; and a fractured ankle to a 74 year-old adult.

**ABU-HIJLEH v. BROUGHAM, INC., et al.**  
**CASE NUMBER:** SC 025182  
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**