

Legislative Report

Settlements of Litigation for \$75,000 or more, G.S. §114-2.4(b), since September 15, 2006

Case Name	Date Closed	Settlement Amount	Case Summary
ACS State Health Care, LLC v. NC DHHS	12/11/2006	\$600,000.00	Contract dispute regarding payment for services provided to Senior Care Program. Total payments invoiced exceeded monetary cap established in contract.
Blevins, Rebecca v. UNC Hospitals	11/20/2006	\$80,000.00	Employee was a registered nurse when she injured her arm moving a patient. Employee had to have surgery and received a 20 % permanent disability rating.
Bowden, Donnie v. Department of Transportation	10/13/2006	\$125,000.00	Employee worked for the Department of Transportation when he was in a vehicle accident while working. Employee suffered back injuries that required 3 surgeries.
Broughton, Tommy Lee v. Diana Thornton Blackman	12/18/2006	\$390,000.00	Plaintiff was in a vehicle that was struck by a school bus. Plaintiff suffered serious multiple injuries including pulmonary and cardiac contusions.
Bryson, Charles v. Department of Transportation	09/28/2006	\$200,000.00	Employee fell into a hole and sprained his ankle. Employee had pre-existing hypertension and suffered a stroke which was tied to his ankle injury.
Bullin, Michelle O. V. Department of Public Instruction	12/28/2006	\$105,000.00	Employee was a music teacher in a motorized wheelchair from another injury. She was on a field trip when she was on a wheelchair lift and it malfunctioned.
Caldwell, Danny E.	03/14/2007	\$80,092.50	Motor Vehicle Accident
Caraher, Carina v. UNC Hospitals	01/02/2007	\$149,999.00	Employee injured her back while moving a patient. She suffered a thoracic lumbar strain and received permanent restrictions of no lifting of patients.
Copeland, Lawrence v. Department of Public Instruction	11/20/2006	\$100,000.00	Employee was a custodian when he suffered a back injury while lifting. Her required a lumbar fusion and received a 20 % permanent partial disability rating.
Denyse, Linda E. French v. Department of Public Instruction	10/13/2006	\$105,000.00	Employee was a bus driver when she slipped and fell injuring her back. She received a 15% permanent partial disability rating to her back.
Goodwin, Robert	03/14/2007	\$557,638.52	Motor Vehicle Accident - Head on Crash
Grant, Ron	03/14/2007	\$509,025.18	Motor Vehicle Accident - Head on Crash

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Hagler, Ottis v. Department of Public Instruction	11/27/2006	\$500,000.00	School bus driver ran a stop sign and hit the plaintiff who suffered serious, debilitating permanent injuries.
Hairston, Edward L. v. Department of Correction	10/26/2006	\$150,000.00	Plaintiff was incarcerated when he suffered several disc herniations. Department of Correction staff were negligent in delaying medical treatment.
Hedgpeth, Susan v. Department of Correction	02/19/2007	\$117,500.00	Employee suffered bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome and received 7% permanent partial disability rating to each wrist.
Hefner, Patricia v. Department of Public Instruction	11/03/2006	\$284,133.71	Plaintiff was in a car that was struck by a bus. She received a dislocated and broken ankle. She received a 35 permanent partial disability rating.
Jackson, Jeffery	03/14/2007	\$161,040.36	Motor Vehicle Accident
Jones, Melissa v. Department of Public Instruction	11/20/2006	\$175,000.00	Employee was a teachers assistant when she suffered a knee injury when she fell down a set of stairs. Employee had to have a meniscal reconstruction.
Lee, Richard W. v. NC Department of Transportation	02/01/2007	\$99,000.00	Race discrimination claim/employment case
Lewis, Linda v. Department of Public Instruction	01/01/2007	\$149,999.00	Employee was a teacher when a projection screen fell and struck her arm. She received a right radial neuroplasty and a 10% permanent partial disability.
Mahjoub, Anna M. v. Department of Public Instruction	11/20/2006	\$125,000.00	Employee was a teacher and she injured her back during a demonstration in the classroom. She suffered back and hip injuries that required two surgeries.
McCoy, Mark v. Department of Public Instruction	10/13/2006	\$115,803.00	Employee was a custodian who was injured while lifting. He suffered a ruptured disk that required surgery. He received a 15% permanent partial disability.
McDougald, Robah B.	03/14/2007	\$89,303.26	Motor Vehicle Accident
Morgan, Robert v. Department of Juvenile Justice	12/29/2006	\$500,000.00	Morgan committed suicide while in the custody of State Detention Center. State violated the Standards of Juvenile Detention Centers.
Muldrow, Ida M. v. Elizabeth City State University	12/06/2006	\$99,500.00	Employee was exposed to mold and suffered an occupational disease.

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Odebrecht Construction Corp. v. NC Department of Transportation	01/30/2007	\$4,000,000.00	Adjustment and resolution of highway construction contract claim.
Overby, Jerry L. v. Department of Public Instruction	12/18/2006	\$95,000.00	Employee was a custodian and he injured his back lifting. Employee suffered acute lumbar strain, acute pain and depression. Employee received a 20% disability rating.
Papco Group, Inc. v. NC DOT	11/01/2006	\$195,700.00	Adjustment and resolution of highway construction contract claim.
Perry, Tonya v. Department of Public Instruction	12/28/2006	\$85,000.00	Employee was a teachers assistant. She injured her back in the course and scope of her employment. She suffered a disc herniation and received a 5% disability rating.
Price, Glenda v. Department of Public Instruction	12/28/2006	\$97,500.00	Employee was a food service provider when she suffered an injury by accident. Food fell from a pantry and crushed her foot. She received a 10 % permanent disability rating.
Pritchett, Teresa v. UNC Charlotte	12/18/2006	\$83,000.00	Employee had left work for the day and was walking to her car. She tripped over uneven pavement and fractured her ankle.
Ruch, Darrell v. Department of Environment and Natural Resources	11/06/2006	\$105,632.18	Employee was a forest fire equipment operator and he suffered a knee injury during the course and scope of his employment. Employee received a total knee replacement.
Smith, Jeffrey Adam v. Department of Transportation	11/20/2006	\$150,000.00	Employee was a crew member on a ferry and while docking was caught between the boat and the mooring. He suffered back and pelvis fractures.
Ward, Robert, v. Department of Public Instruction	11/20/2006	\$120,000.00	Employee was a mechanic when he suffered a hernia while lifting. Employee suffered chronic pain, depression and he was given permanent restrictions.
Wood, Robert Earl	03/14/2007	\$131,576.40	Motor Vehicle Accident
Wright Brothers Construction Co. v. NC Department of Transportation	02/01/2007	\$4,750,000.00	Adjustment and resolution of highway construction contract claim