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Alvarez, Thompson & Smoak, P.A. is Pleased to Announce a Successful Defense Verdict.

Orlando, FL (March 2025) – Alvarez, Thompson & Smoak, P.A. is pleased to announce that following the recent defense verdict which Bill Smoak and Chance Arias were able to obtain on behalf of our client in a wrongful death, commercial transportation case in Sumter County, our firm was successful in obtaining another defense verdict, shortly thereafter on behalf of another one of our firm's clients in a commercial transportation case in Indian River County.

Our firm's attorneys—Raúl Alvarez, Jeffrey Thompson, and Matthew Schreck—represented the owner and operator of a tractor-trailer that made a left turn in front of a motorcycle and the operator of the motorcycle sustained significant injuries, and a lawsuit was filed on his behalf in Indian River County. The Plaintiff, operator of the motorcycle, was 27 years old at the time of the collision and as a result of the impact, he suffered severe brain damage (not contested) and he was left as a functional quadriplegic. The Plaintiff's past boardable medical expenses exceeded \$1.8 million and his lawyers presented the jury with a future lifecare plan in excess of \$28M (defense experts opined his lifecare plan should have been closer to \$5M- \$8M). Unfortunately, our client, the owner/operator of the tractor-trailer, only had a \$1M policy.

Consequently, this case went before a jury in Indian River County and after hearing all the evidence over eight days of trial, a jury was able to keep sympathy from overcoming their evaluation of the evidence and they returned a defense verdict in favor of our client. Unfortunately for the Plaintiff, his attorneys apparently never considered that a zero /

defense verdict was possible, which is sad, because the \$1M dollars which was offered on multiple occasions, could have made a difference in this young man's life.

This victory underscores our firm's commitment to delivering top-tier legal representation and achieving justice for our clients. Congratulations to our firm's attorneys, Raúl Alvarez, Jeffrey Thompson, and Matthew Schreck for their exceptional work in the courtroom, and to appellate counsel, Hinda Klein for her assistance and trial support. A huge thank you to our firm's staff and the entire trial team whose dedication and support helped make this win possible!

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