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## Garo Mardirossian is the Winning Attorney in the Land Rover \$21,154,000 Settlement

LOS ANGELES -- Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert H. O'Brien signed and entered judgment in favor of Sam Pannu against Land Rover North America, Inc., in the amount of \$21,154,000.00.

Garo Mardirossian of Mardirossian & Associates, Inc. was the winning attorney. He represented Mr. Pannu and was assisted by attorney Armen Akaragian from the same firm.

In December 2003, Mr. Pannu, a native of India suf-



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fered a serious spinal injury rendering him partially quadriplegic when his Land Rover rolled over on the 118 Freeway as he swerved to avoid an accident. The case was in litigation for five years, with multiple experts testifying on each side, including two corporate defense representatives, who flew in from England.

At about the time Sam  
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Pannu hired Garo Mardirossian in 2004. Garo was working on another case that would later have important implications for Sam Pannu's case, as well as federal roof strength regulations. In *Duan v. General Motors*, BC229926, Garo Mardirossian argued for the release of three decades of internal automotive industry test results, engineering notes and other safety data on vehicle roof strength. He wanted the right to distribute the records to federal regulators, consumers

and watchdog groups to help bring about broader reform. Regulators, in particular, would for the first time have wide access to key research and technical data on roof strength that auto manufacturers had kept secret, records they need "for the purposes of determining how to make the [current] rule stronger," according to roof strength advocate Don Friedman.

Mr. Mardirossian and Mr. Akaragian both graduated from Ferrahian High School in Encino. Mr. Mardirossian was

also a member of the Armenian Student Association at U.C.L.A., and is currently a member of the Armenian Bar Association. Mardirossian & Associates is a prominent Los Angeles law firm that represents seriously injured plaintiffs. In the year 2000, Garo Mardirossian was recognized as Trial Lawyer Of The Year by the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA), and he is currently President-Elect of that organization. He is slated to become its President in 2010.