

## Settlements

**Electrocution****Settlement:****\$5,000,000****Plaintiff Attorney:** Lawrence R. Booth (Booth & Koskoff)**(213) 515-1361**

**Facts:** Plaintiff 20 year old painter working at Defendant's premises for independent contractor came in contact with high voltage line which were located in an enclosure constituting the back of one of the defendant's buildings. This enclosure was labeled with numerous warning signs and the telephone number of the Department of Water and Power. Defendant claimed that Plaintiff's employer should have simply called the Department of Water and Power and arranged for the power to be temporarily disconnected during the painting. Plaintiff contended that regardless of negligence of employer, premises owner was liable for failure to insist on proper safety precaution and under the Peculiar Risk Rule.

**Injuries:** Plaintiff sustained partial amputation of three limbs.

**Medical Costs :** \$700,000

**Settlement:** Settlement included waiver of \$800,000 Workers Compensation lien and settlement of Workers Compensation claim for additional \$200,000 to fund future medical expenses.

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