

DOCKET NO. CV-02-0818831-S : SUPERIOR COURT  
MADELINE BERMUDEZ : JD OF HARTFORD  
VS. :  
JEANETTE FERGUSON, ET AL : JANUARY 26, 2004

ARBITRAL AWARD

After hearing the parties on Friday, January 23, 2004,  
I find the following facts:

1. On or about January 5, 2001 at 8:55 am, Defendant  
Jeanette S. Ferguson was driving a school bus owned by  
Defendant First Student, Inc. north on Lawrence Street in  
East Hartford.

2. The weather was fair, the roads were clear and  
visibility was good.

3. Defendant Jeanette S. Ferguson turned left (west)  
onto Smith Drive.

4. Plaintiff Madeline Bermudez was traveling east on  
Smith Drive.

5. Plaintiff Madeline Bermudez was running late for her job in Manchester, which required her to arrive at 9:00 am (Bermudez deposition at page 17, line 20 through page 18, line 7).

6. Plaintiff Madeline Bermudez failed to fully stop at the stop sign at the end of Smith Drive before turning right, proximately causing the accident.

Judgment shall enter in favor of Defendant Jeanette S. Ferguson and Defendant First Student, Inc..

Dated at Meriden, Connecticut on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

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Houston Putnam Lowry  
Arbitrator

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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