

DOCKET NO. CV-04-5000140-S : SUPERIOR COURT  
SARA THOMAS : JD OF HARTFORD  
VS. : AT HARTFORD  
MRS. AUTO WASH, LLC : AUGUST 12, 2005

ARBITRAL AWARD

After hearing the parties on Friday, August 12, 2005, I find the following facts:

1. On or about August 28, 2002, Plaintiff Sara Thomas took her van to be washed at Defendant Mrs. Auto Wash, LLC in East Hartford, Connecticut.

2. Plaintiff Sara Thomas has been taking her van there for a number of years. Plaintiff Sara Thomas had lived in East Hartford for approximately 15 years.

3. Defendant Mrs. Auto Wash, LLC usually used two people to towel dry the exterior of her van, but only one person was used on this occasion.

4. When the car was dried, Defendant Mrs. Auto Wash, LLC indicated Plaintiff Sara Thomas should re-enter her van and drive it away.

5. Plaintiff Sara Thomas walked through a puddle of water, soap and wax to get to her van.

6. As Plaintiff Sara Thomas was stepping on the running board to get into her van, her ankle twisted (although she did not fall).

7. The running board was slippery because it was damp.

8. Defendant Mrs. Auto Wash, LLC did not owe a duty to Plaintiff Sara Thomas to dry her running boards after washing her car.

9. I make not finding on why the running boards were damp.

10. Plaintiff Sara Thomas should have know, with reasonable inspection, the running boards were damp.

Judgment shall enter in favor of Defendant Mrs. Auto Wash, LLC and against Plaintiff Sara Thomas.

Dated at Meriden, Connecticut on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.

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Houston Putnam Lowry  
Arbitrator

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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