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## ***ECONOMIST'S TESTIMONY CRUCIAL IN WRONGFUL DEATH OF SON JURY VERDICT \$1,746,000***

***A verdict of \$1,746,000 was given to the mother and stepbrother of a 13 year old boy who was struck and it by a car while he was walking to school.***

***Los Angeles, California:*** Robert W. Johnson & Associates was retained to present non-economic testimony to establish a range of values to assist the jury in calculating the loss of love, care, comfort, society, etc. to the surviving mother and stepbrother of the wrongful death of their son/ brother, Cesar Zepeda.

***Citation:*** *Maria Zepeda, et al. v. Victor Ayala, et al.; Los Angeles Superior Central West, Los Angeles County, California; Herbert L. Michel, Jr.; Los Angeles, California.*

***Case Synopsis:*** On February 18, 1993, Cesar Zepeda, a 13 year old male, was walking in a crosswalk on a green light when the defendant's tractor/ trailer rig, driven by codefendant, struck Cesar. The boy died at the scene. Cesar had been on his way to school and was accompanied by his stepbrother who observed the death. Cesar's mother, Maria Zepeda, is a single parent who worked two jobs as a domestic to support her family.

***Attorney Comments:*** "I want to thank you and your fine office for your expert services in this matter which included you testifying as an expert witness. By far, the jury believed you over the expert offered by the defendant. It was important the jury heard your testimony stating that 13 year old Cesar could have provided \$133,000 in potential lost economic support to his mother, especially when the opposing economic expert said that the lost support was less than \$10,000."

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**Results:** The plaintiff demanded the policy limits of \$750,000. The defendants offered \$150,000. Verdict was for \$1,746,000 to the mother and stepbrother.

**About Robert W. Johnson & Associates:** A nationally recognized full service consulting firm that specializes in illustrating and quantifying non-economic damages. Consulting services include quantifying the loss of enjoyment of life (pain and suffering) in a personal injury case; quantifying the loss of love, care, comfort, society, consortium, etc. to the survivors in a wrongful death case; illustrating, with the LIFE ACTIVITY CALENDAR, the loss of enjoyment/ quality of life; analyzing structured settlements; and generating wage loss reports that include the present value of future medical expenses.

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