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**TROUP COUNTY, GA JURY AWARDS COMBINED \$3.99 MILLION VERDICT  
IN PERSONAL INJURY CASES AGAINST THE TOWN OF  
WOODLAND AND DEFENDANT DRIVER**

Morris, Haynes & Hornsby Partners Larry Morris and Randy Haynes represented Jeanette Holloway and Connie Meadows, two senior citizens from Randolph County, Alabama, who were injured in a one-vehicle van accident in LaGrange, Georgia in November of 2009. On the way back from a Woodland Senior Center trip to Calloway Gardens, the van's driver missed a curve on Highway 27 just outside of LaGrange, causing the van to run off the road and down a steep embankment. As a result, Mrs. Holloway was rendered a quadriplegic and eventually passed away as a result of these injuries. Mrs. Meadow's injuries were less severe but she underwent surgery on her knee after suffering a right tibial fracture.

The lawsuit was brought against the Town of Woodland and the driver of the van, Billie Vernon Edmondson. The case was tried in November of 2010 in Troup County, Georgia. Defendants argued that the Georgia Department of Transportation was responsible for the accident due to the dangerous curve of the roadway. However, the jury returned a verdict of \$2,400,000 to the Estate of Jeanette Holloway for her injuries and suffering from the date of the accident until the date of her death one month before trial. The jury also awarded \$1,250,000 to Jeanette Holloway's surviving child due to her wrongful death. Connie Meadows was awarded \$340,000. Firm Attorney Emily Nelson, who also represented the Plaintiffs, is a member of the Georgia State Bar. This case was tried pursuant to Georgia law.