

## **WHALE WATCH VESSEL PASSENGER RECEIVES \$1.5 MILLION SETTLEMENT FOR INJURIES SUFFERED ABOARD**

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A mainland tourist and his wife, injured on a whale-watching excursion last year have settled their claims for \$1.5 Million. This individual fractured his neck when he fell on the deck of the boat during the whale watching tour. His injuries required surgery, nearly a month of hospitalization and left him with permanent partial paralysis in his legs and one arm.

Attorney Rich Turbin representing the parties, announced that the settlement had been reached with the whale watch cruise company and their insurer for \$1.5 Million. “Injuries such as those suffered by our client are unfortunately all too common and frequent,” said Mr. Turbin, noted Honolulu attorney. He added: “We sincerely hope that this settlement will lead tour operators to greater adherence to Maritime Laws of safety and procedures among vessels who are carrying island visitors on what should be a magical experience, but unfortunately on too many occasions becomes something else.”

Due to the confidentiality of the settlement agreement, the injured party, his wife and the tour operator cannot be identified. Please call Richard Turbin at 808-528-4000 for further information.