

LEGISTAR NO.

150805

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

DIANA INWOOD,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GAINESVILLE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM,

Defendant.

Case No. 2015-CA-4088
Division: K

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, DIANA INWOOD, and sues the Defendant, GAINESVILLE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM, and states:

1. This is an action for damages that exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00)
2. At all times material, Plaintiff was a resident of Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida.
3. At all times material, Defendant was and remains a governmental entity conducting business in Alachua County, Florida, primarily in the form of operating public bus transportation for the City of Gainesville.
4. On or about November 15, 2011, Mr. Robert R. Harrison was an employee and/or agent of the Defendant, employed as a bus driver.
5. On or about November 15, 2011, Defendant owner and/or controlled a specific bus that upon best information and belief was a 1997 Gillig Transit bearing a license number of CITY135220 and a VIN # of 15GCD2015V1086986.

6. On or about November 15, 2011, Mr. Robert R. Harrison operated the aforementioned bus in an eastbound direction on SW 2nd Avenue in Gainesville, Florida, as he approached a roundabout at the intersection of SW 2nd Avenue and SW 12th Street.

7. At that time and place, Plaintiff was operating a 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse in a southbound direction on SW 12th Street as she approached the aforementioned roundabout at the intersection of SW 12th Street and SW 2nd Avenue.

8. At that time and place, Mr. Robert R. Harrison had a duty to the motoring public in general, and to the Plaintiff in particular, to operate and maintain the motor vehicle she was driving in a safe and prudent manner.

9. At that time and place, Mr. Robert R. Harrison breached that duty in several respects, including but not limited to, negligently failing to observe the traffic pattern, negligently failing to yield the right of way, and generally operating the bus in a reckless manner, leading to the several ton bus making impact with the vehicle operated by Plaintiff.

10. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Mr. Robert R. Harrison, Plaintiff suffered bodily injury and resulting pain and suffering, disability or physical impairment, disfigurement, mental anguish, inconvenience, loss of the capacity for the enjoyment of life, and medical expenses. The losses are either permanent or continuing and Plaintiff will suffer the losses in the future.

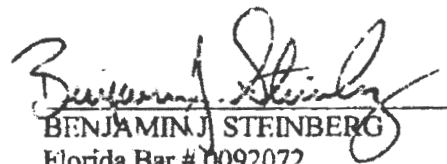
11. At that time and place, Mr. Robert R. Harrison was acting within the course and scope of his employment with Defendant and was operating the subject bus with the knowledge, permission and consent of Defendant, and Defendant is therefore liable pursuant to the doctrines of *respondeat superior* and dangerous instrumentality.

12. All conditions precedent to bringing this action have been met.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays that this Honorable Court enter judgment against the Defendant for compensatory damages, costs, interest and such other relief as the Court deems just and proper and demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

DATED THIS 12 day of November, 2015.

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