

## Featured Case:

### Exploding Airbag

In April 2018, our client was driving when another vehicle pulled in front of her, causing her to brake, and control of her 2016 Kia Optima, which is well below its top speed. The impact caused her driver's side front airbag to explode, sending shrapnel through the vehicle's cabin, and into our client's face and neck.

Our client sued the manufacturer of the vehicle (the Melton Armored, the driver's front airbag, and the child restraint system), as well as the other vehicle's manufacturer (the Automobile, Inc.). Our initial action focused on the vehicle as the cause of the accident. This is the first case of its kind against the OEM, or OEC. Upon the release of the data that we discovered, we expect there will be similar lawsuits in the future.

The case settled for a considerable amount after extensive negotiations of the vehicle and the airbag assembly, but shortly before the Defendant's response was due to our initial discovery. ■

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## Doreen Lundrigan Celebrates Fifteen Years at the Firm

Doreen joined the firm in 2003 as a litigation paralegal. Doreen quickly became a strong asset to the firm, working on cases involving the Merit, General Motors, Toyota, Nissan, Kia, Ford and Saturn, Chrysler and Mitsubishi. She also helped with ground breaking work involving General

*"It was a lucky day for me when I was hired by Lance. I joined a terrific team doing gratifying work which ultimately changes our clients' lives."*

Motors and its defective ignition switch, which has made its way across national news several times and prompted millions of defective vehicles to be recalled. Her work in product and auto cases has been invaluable.

Doreen graduated with an Associate's Degree and completed the paralegal program at Broward College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Doreen has two sons who are both married and is the grandmother to a boy and a girl. Doreen is very active and enjoys fitness classes and running. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, and attending sporting events.



Doreen and her Grandchildren

*"I enjoy working closely with our clients and being a part of something that makes a difference on a greater level. An example of this is the Melton case, which ultimately led to the recall of millions of defective vehicles."*

Doreen is an active member of the Atlanta's Information Exchange Group (AIEG) and Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. She was a member of a paralegal seminar with a national product liability group in 2012 in Birmingham, Alabama. She was also named Paralegal of the Year in 2012.

Doreen is a wonderful addition to our team and we are so grateful for her fifteen years of service at The Cooper Firm. ■