
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a cap on the award of general damages.

Proposed law prohibits an award of general damages in a delictual action in an amount exceeding \$500,000 regardless of the number of parties against whom the action is brought.

Proposed law provides that if a claimant has suffered a permanent mental injury that severely impairs the claimant's ability to be employed or enjoy a reasonable standard of living, general damages are prohibited in a delictual action in an award amount exceeding \$1,000,000 regardless of the number of parties against whom the action is brought.

Proposed law does not apply if the trier of fact finds that the claimant has suffered permanent and severe physical injury.

Proposed law does not apply if the trier of fact finds by clear and convincing evidence that the tortfeasor's actions were intentional or malicious.

(Adds C.C. Art. 2315.14)