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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 13-000389-CI

TERRY G. BOLLEA, also known as
HULK HOGAN,
Plaintiff,

v.

LASER SPINE INSTITUTE, LLC, JAMES S.
ST. LOUIS, D.O., KEVIN L. SCOTT, M.D.,
and ZOLTAN BEREZKI, JR., D.O.,
Defendants.

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1 A. I'd try to appropriate the weight. But I
2 would say the majority of it went on the left butt
3 cheek. Yeah.

4 Q. And you had performed that move for more
5 than 20 years during your career?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. You have estimated that, before you went to
8 the Laser Spine Institute, your tailbone was bent from
9 landing on your rear end 400 times a year and twice on
10 Saturday and twice on Sunday for more than 20 years?

11 A. I don't know if it was for a 20-year period,
12 but I did have a few years where I wrestled that much.

13 Q. And the leg drop was a move that you
14 frequently did because it was a signature move that
15 your fans identified with you?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Along the course of your very successful
18 career, you had had some specific instances where you
19 injured your back in matches?

20 A. Specific? Yeah. I don't remember specific
21 ones.

22 Q. Okay. Let me give you an example.

23 Have you written that the Tombstone move by
24 the Undertaker which was performed on you in 1991 may
25 have been "the straw that slaughtered the camel's

1 back"?

2 A. Did I write that?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. I don't recall writing it.

5 Q. In 1991 -- or you have written that in
6 November 1991 the Undertaker nearly put you in the
7 grave by dropping your head on a metal chair in the
8 nastiest Tombstone of all Tombstones. And that your
9 neck, calves, shoulder, biceps, triceps, forearms,
10 everything went numb?

11 A. Did I write that, you're asking?

12 Q. Yes, sir.

13 A. I don't recall writing. I could have.

14 Q. Is that a true statement of what happened in
15 1991?

16 A. Not completely.

17 Q. What's inaccurate about it?

18 A. My trap muscles went numb. And my shoulders
19 went numb. That's the best of my recollection now. I
20 don't remember calves and everything else going numb.
21 I just remember my traps went numb, because my neck was
22 hurt.

23 Q. Did you write that the repercussions for you
24 physically of the Undertaker's Tombstone in 1991 have
25 never gone away, and you still can't feel anything --

1 as of 2009 -- in the tips of your fingers; you have
2 trouble tying your bandannas, and you have trouble
3 buttoning shirts?

4 A. A lot of that has changed. I got my hands
5 burned very severely by a radiator. And for whatever
6 reason, the scars on my hands from the burns, a lot of
7 the feeling came back in my fingertips. I don't know
8 if it's new nerves or whatever. But that has changed,
9 thank God, as of recently; because of getting my hands
10 burned.

11 Q. When did that occur?

12 A. About a year ago.

13 Q. And you attribute that to this incident with
14 the burning of the radiator?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. Until that time when the radiator incident
17 occurred, was it accurate to say that you had numbness
18 in the tips of your fingers, you had trouble tying your
19 bandannas, and you had trouble buttoning shirts?

20 A. I've had numbness in my tips of my fingers.
21 That's accurate. I adapted, figured out how to tie
22 bandannas and button shirts without having the feeling
23 in my fingers. So that wasn't accurate anymore. It
24 took me a while to figure out the move, but I can do it
25 without feeling anything.

1 Q. Okay. Have you written in your book that
2 you tore all the muscles in your back at WrestleMania
3 III and then wrestled for 29 straight days?

4 A. I don't recall, but I could have.

5 Q. Does that sound like an accurate description
6 of what happened at WrestleMania III?

7 A. What happened at WrestleMania III is I tore
8 the lat muscle, the back muscle away from the insertion
9 of my tricep. And then I continued wrestling in Japan.

10 Q. So did you tear all of the muscles in your
11 back? Or was that an exaggeration for entertainment
12 purposes in your book?

13 A. It had to be. Because I didn't tear all of
14 the muscles in my back.

15 Q. Okay. Before you went to the Laser Spine
16 Institute, had you ever received an opinion that you
17 should have neck fusion surgery?

18 A. I had several opinions. And one of those
19 was neck fusion. And one of those was massage,
20 acupuncture, and see a chiropractor. Which I chose.
21 And it worked.

22 Q. Okay. You have, during the course of your
23 career, had a number of knee injuries?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How many arthroscopic knee surgeries have