

THE COURTS

Injured worker gets \$1.5 million

A construction project manager whose left leg was amputated below the knee after an accident two years ago has been awarded \$1.575 million.

The settlement was approved yesterday by Circuit Judge Marie Milks. The defendants and how much each will pay will not be disclosed under an agreement worked out by the attorney for Michael J. Urabeck, now 48, of Maili.

Attorney Jerry M. Hiatt said Urabeck will immediately be paid \$350,000, then will receive a minimum payment of \$5,225 per month for the rest of his life or for a minimum of 20 years.

Urabeck was injured Dec. 11, 1986, when a cement mixer truck fell on him as he worked in a pipeline trench in Waipahu. At the time, Urabeck was working for the Frank Coluccio Construction Co.

Eleven defendants were named when Urabeck originally filed a lawsuit.

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