



**AMTRAK EMPLOYEE FORMALLY COUNSELED FOR NOT COOPERATING
WITH THE OIG
MAY 7, 2014
CASE OIG-I-2014-507**

An Amtrak Train Attendant reported an on the job injury over two months after the alleged event, claiming she tripped and fell while climbing the stairway aboard her assigned car. The employee filed a civil suit for \$300,000. It was determined that the employee was not truthful in her deposition, and did not disclose medical treatment she had previously received for shoulder pain prior to the alleged accident at Amtrak. The suit was subsequently settled for \$17,000. Additionally, the Railroad Retirement Board gave the employee \$12,342 in sickness benefits and she received \$11,538 from Trustmark, a union supplemental sickness benefit plan. The district attorney declined prosecution. We made numerous attempts to coordinate an interview with the employee. Eventually the employee appeared with a union representative for interview, but refused to answer questions. The employee received a letter of Formal Counseling for failing to follow Amtrak's policy to cooperate and comply with requests of the OIG.