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Bowen v. City of Albany

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Driver of school bus and her adult passenger submitted separate ante litem notices to city, and subsequently filed separate negligence suits against city, seeking to recover for serious injuries sustained when city police officer's patrol car ran a red light and collided with school bus.

Finding that the ante litem notices did not include offers of compromise, the trial court granted city's motions to dismiss the actions. Driver and passenger appealed.

The Court of Appeals held that:

- Ante litem notices substantially complied with statutory requirement to include an offer of compromise, and
- Passenger's ante litem notice was not rendered insufficient by its use of the term "damages incurred," rather than "damages claimed."

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