

Third District Court of Appeal

State of Florida, January Term, A.D. 2008

Opinion filed January 16, 2008.

Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing.

No. 3D06-2960

Lower Tribunal No. 03-24475

Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.,
Appellant,

vs.

Goran Bakalar,
Appellee.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Scott Bernstein,
Judge.

Salas, Ede, Peterson & Lage; Hicks & Kneale and Dinah Stein and Mark
Hicks, for appellant.

John Hickey; Elizabeth K. Russo, for appellee.

Before RAMIREZ, SUAREZ, and ROTHENBERG, JJ.

PER CURIAM

Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd. appeals a jury verdict of \$3,384,185 as being
against the manifest weight of the evidence. As we recently stated in Glabman v.

De La Cruz, 954 So. 2d 60, 62 (Fla. 3d DCA 2007), “despite the fact that a jury verdict is higher or lower than the reviewing court believes it ought to have been, the court should decline to interfere with the verdict.” Unlike Glabman, Royal Caribbean has not pointed to any highly emotional testimony which caused anyone to cry. We find no abuse of discretion in the trial judge’s refusal to grant a new trial or remittitur. See Lassitter v. Int’l Union of Operating Eng’rs, 349 So. 2d 622, 627 (Fla. 1977) (stating that the court may order a remittitur or new trial if it believes “the amount is so great or small as to indicate that the jury must have found it while under the influence of passion, prejudice or gross mistake”).

Affirmed.