$100,000 Award for a Motor Vehicle Accident

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Christopher L. Musmanno, Esq., Chair of the Personal Injury Department and Certified Civil Trial Attorney with the law firm of Einhorn, Barbarito, Frost & Botwinick, PC in Denville, NJ, announces a $100,000 settlement for a motor vehicle accident.
In August 2016, Plaintiff was fully stopped for traffic, intending to make a left turn when his car was struck fro.m behind by the defendant. As a result to the impact, Plaintiff's chest struck the steering wheel upon impact and he immediately complained of pain.

Plaintiff was transported via ambulance from the scene of the accident to the hospital where he was prescribed pain medication and a muscle relaxant and was then discharged with instructions to follow-up with a doctor. Three days later, he presented to a chiropractor where he commenced a course of conservative treatment consisting of chiropractic care, physical modalities and acupuncture. Plaintiff was referred for diagnostic testing which revealed central disc herniation at L5-S1 with encroachment of the anterior aspect of the spinal canal.

In light of Plaintiff's severe objective findings and failure of his injuries to respond to conservative course of treatment, he consulted with a neurosurgeon and was recommended surgical intervention. In August 2017, he underwent Left L5 hemilaminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy with decompression of nerve roots; Left S1 lateral recess decompression and foraminotomy with decompression of nerve root; open l5-s1 discectomy; harvesting and placement of fat graft; use of microscope for microdissection; fluoroscopic guidance for localization; placement of left on-q anesthetic catheter.

Prior to the scheduling of a trial, the case settled for the $50,000.00 defendant's policy limit. Plaintiff possessed an insurance policy with a limit of liability for bodily injury underinsured motorist coverage in the amount of $100,000.00. The case settled for the remainder $50,000.00. As such, the case settled prior to the scheduling of a trial for the amount of $100,000.00.