

\$100,000 Award for an Automobile 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 \$100,000.00 settlement for an automobile accident.

In July 2016, plaintiff was traveling as a passenger in the defendant's vehicle traveling westbound on Route 46 when the driver struck another vehicle; plaintiff was transported to the hospital.

As a result of the accident, plaintiff commenced a course of chiropractic treatment and physical therapy. When the course of conservative treatment failed to relieve her pain, MRIs were recommended which revealed a central disc herniation at C4-5 with encroachment of the anterior aspect of the spinal canal and contiguity with the spinal cord; central disc herniation at C5-C6 with encroachment of the anterior aspect of the spinal canal; central disc herniation at L4-5 with encroachment of the dural sac and spinal canal stenosis; and central disc herniation at L5-S1 with deformity of the anterior aspect of the dural sac and spinal canal stenosis.

Due to the chronic nature of Plaintiffs pain and the failure to respond to conservative treatment, she underwent C4-5 interbody arthrodesis and discectomy with decompression of the spinal cord and nerve root; C5-6 arthrodesis and discectomy with decompression of the spinal cord and nerve root; C4-C5-C6 anterior instrumentation; placement of C4-5 intervertebral PEEK cage; application of cranial tongs; fluoroscopic guidance for localization; bone marrow harvesting for transplantation; reconstruction of ilium; harvesting of right morselized anterior iliac crest autograft; placement of harvesting of right structured anterior iliac crest autograft; harvesting of local bone autograft; placement of OsteoSelect DBM putty; use of microscope for microdissection and discectomies; and placement of right anterior iliac crest On-Q local anesthetic catheter.

The case settled prior to trial for the defendant's \$100,000 policy limit.