

# \$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 February 2015, plaintiff was traveling southbound on the Garden State Parkway when the car ahead of him made an improper lane change, impacting Plaintiff's vehicle. As a result of the accident, Plaintiff sustained a focal left-sided disc herniation at C6-7 with encroachment of the left lateral recess, appearing to be subacute; bilateral disc herniation at c7-T1 with associated encroachment on the right side of the lateral recess and left neural foramina, appearing subacute; and bulging disc at C5-6 contacting the ventral aspect of the spinal cord causing spinal canal stenosis. Plaintiff did not immediately present to the hospital but did so approximately 5 days later commencing a course of conservative treatment. Due to the chronic nature of Plaintiff's pain and the failure to respond to conservative treatment, he ultimately underwent two-level anterior cervical discectomy and fusion surgery at C5-6 and C6-7 with arthrodesis and decompression of the spinal cord and nerve roots as well as the harvesting of bone marrow, the right structural anterior iliac crest and the right morselized anterior iliac crest along with placement of Osteomatrix graft and placement of an intervertebral PEEK cage at C5-6 and C6-7 in order to remediate a focal left-sided disc herniation at C6-7 with encroachment on the left lateral recess and a bulging disc at C5-6 contacting the ventral aspect of the spinal cord causing spinal canal stenosis.

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