$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 January 2016, Plaintiff was struck head on when the defendant disregarded a red traffic light.

Immediately following the accident, Plaintiff was transported via ambulance to the hospital where she underwent a battery of x-ray testing and CT scans, as well as an EKG. She was diagnosed with a sternum fracture and two days later, presented to an orthopedist with numbness and tingling in her fingers. The orthopedist recommended cervical MRI which indicated a broad-based paracentral disc herniation with mild bilateral neural foraminal narrowing at C5-6. When her pain persisted and she began to experience shortness of breath, chest pain, and nausea, she returned to the emergency room where she was referred to a neurosurgeon who recommended she undergo a formal physical therapy program.

Additionally, Plaintiff was experiencing pain on her knee and was referred for an MRI which revealed plica of the knee and a sprain of the medial collateral ligament of the right knee. She was recommended a cortisone injection and additional physical therapy with regard to her knee.

When her course of physical therapy failed to alleviate her neck pain, she consulted with a neurosurgeon and was recommended for surgery.

Plaintiff underwent C4-C5 interbody arthrodesis and discectomy with decompression of spinal cord and nerve roots; C5-C6 interbody arthrodesis and discectomy with decompression of spinal cord and nerve roots; C6-C7 interbody arthrodesis and discectomy with decompression of spinal cord and nerve

roots; C6 corpectomy with decompression of spinal cord; C4-C5-C6-C7 anterior instrumentation.

Placement of C4-C5 intervertebral PEEK cage; Placement of C5-C6 intercerebral PEEK cage; Place of C6-C7 intercerebral PEEK cage; Application of cranial tongs; Fluoroscopic guidance for localization; Harvesting of right structural anterior iliac crest autograft; Harvesting of right morselized anterior iliac crest autograft; Reconstruction of ilium; Harvesting of local bone autograft; Placement of Actifuse.

The case settled for the $100,000.00 policy limit, prior to the scheduling of a trial.