$100,000 Award for a Motor Vehicle Accident

April 12, 2018

In August 2016, while in the course of his employment, Plaintiff was operating a motor vehicle which was fully stopped at a stop sign waiting to merge into traffic when the Defendant negligently, carelessly, recklessly and otherwise failed to maintain proper following distance, causing him to violently strike the rear of Plaintiff's vehicle.

Initially, Plaintiff did not present to the hospital because he was under the mistaken impression that he was merely suffering from some minor soreness. It soon became evident, however, that his pain was increasing both in terms of severity and frequency with each passing day and that he would require immediate medical attention. As such, two days after the accident he sought treatment with the workers' compensation doctors where he complained of pain to his neck, back and shoulder. He thereafter commenced a course of conservative treatment which consisted of physical therapy, exercise activities and manual interventions. As a result of his injuries failing to respond to his conservative treatment, in October 2017 Plaintiff visited the hospital on an emergent basis because of intractable low back pain radiating down his legs. He was administered an injection and discharged. He thereafter underwent new cervical and lumbar MRI examinations, taken at the direction of his workers' compensation physician and was recommended for and ultimately underwent surgery.

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

No defenses with respect to liability or damages.