

# \$148,000 Award for an Automobile Accident

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Denville, NJ

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 \$148,000.00 settlement for an automobile accident.

In August 2013, plaintiff was fully stopped in traffic when he was struck behind at an excessive rate of speed without warning. Plaintiff was taken via ambulance to the hospital; thereafter he commenced a course of conservative treatment.

As a result of the accident, plaintiff sustained a central posterior disc herniation at L4-5 impinging upon the thecal sac causing moderate stenosis of the spinal canal; and right paracentral disc herniation at L5-S1 impinging upon the thecal sac causing moderate stenosis of the spinal canal.

Due to the chronic nature of the plaintiff's pain and the failure to respond to conservative treatment, he ultimately underwent right L4 hemilaminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy with decompression of the nerve root; right L5 hemilaminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy with decompression of the nerve roots; right S1 lateral recess decompression and foraminotomy with decompression of the nerve root; open L4-5 discectomy; open L5-Si discectomy.

The case was arbitrated in August 2016 and the arbitrator assessed 100% responsibility to the defendant that struck plaintiff in the rear and awarded plaintiff \$175,000. The case settled prior to trial for the amount of \$148,000.