

\$170,000 Award for a Motor Vehicle Accident

Denville, NJ

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In July 2015, Plaintiff was fully stopped in traffic when a commercial vehicle driven by the defendant struck Plaintiff's vehicle in the rear at an excessive rate of speed without warning. Plaintiff presented to the hospital via personal transportation on the day of the accident.

Plaintiff commenced a course of conservative treatment, consisting of chiropractic care, physical therapy and acupuncture. When the course of conservative treatment failed to relieve her pain, she underwent diagnostic testing which indicated a central disc herniation at C4-5 with encroachment on the anterior aspect of the spinal canal confirmed by positive upper extremity EMG/NCV findings for left C5 radiculopathy; left-sided disc herniation at C6-7; and central disc herniation at L5-S1 with associated compressive deformity on the anterior aspect of the dural sac. She thereafter consulted a pain management specialist and underwent a lumbar epidural steroid injection at L4-5 and bilateral lumbar medial branch blocks administered to L3, L4 and L5.

Due to the chronic nature of Plaintiff's pain and the failure to respond to conservative treatment and pain management, on January 12, 2017, she ultimately underwent Right L5 hemilaminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy with decompression of nerve roots; right S1 lateral recess decompression and foraminotomy with decompression of nerve root; open L5-S1 discectomy. The case settled prior to the scheduling of a trial in the amount of \$170,000.