

# \$200,000 Award for a Slip and Fall Accident

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Denville, NJ

In January 2016, Plaintiff was dropping off her children for daycare. Daycare was owned and/or maintained by Defendant. After parking her vehicle in the parking lot, Plaintiff was in the process of opening her rear door to remove her children when she slipped and fell on snow and ice. Plaintiff landed with her full body weight directly on her tailbone, causing severe pain and injury to her buttocks and lower back.

The day following this incident, Plaintiff presented to her primary care physician where she complained of pain to her back, tailbone and wrist. She was administered pain medication and advised to follow-up with an orthopedic specialist and undergo treatment. A few days following her visit with her primary doctor, she presented to a chiropractor and commenced a course of conservative treatment consisting of chiropractic care and physical therapy. Given the severity of her injuries and failure to respond to the conservative course of treatment, she consulted with a pain management specialist and ultimately underwent a total of (3) three lumbar epidural steroid injections at L5-S1. This only provided temporary relief. She thereafter consulted with a neurosurgeon and surgical intervention was discussed.

In August 2017 she underwent the recommended surgery which consisted of L5-S1 posterior lumbar interbody and posterolateral arthrodesis; left L5 hemilaminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy with decompression of nerve root; left S1 lateral recess decompression and foraminotomy with decompression of nerve root; Open L5-S1 discectomy; application of L5-S1 intervertebral PEEK cage; and L5-S1 posterior nonsegmental instrumentation.

The case settled for a total of \$200,000 prior to the scheduling of a trial.

No defenses with respect to damages.