

# \$225,000 Settlement for Accident That Occurred While Trying to Make A Left

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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, Denville, NJ, announces a \$225,000 settlement for an accident that occurred when the plaintiff was turning left into a parking lot. The plaintiff was born in 1948. In December 2012, she was attempting, with her left turn signal activated, to make a left turn into a parking lot. At the same time, the defendant's vehicle was traveling directly behind her and in her lane of travel. While the plaintiff was in the process of making her left turn, the defendant was attempting to take evasive action and avoid hitting the rear of her vehicle and struck the plaintiff's vehicle on the driver side door while the plaintiff was attempting to make a left hand turn. The defense contended, however, that the plaintiff had pulled all the way to the shoulder of the road and was making a left turn from the shoulder rather than from her lane of travel. Liability was contested with regard to the happening of the accident. As a result of the accident, the plaintiff had arthroscopic surgery on her shoulder for tendonitis of the supraspinatus tendon and ultimately anterior cervical discectomy and fusion surgery. Despite the contested liability for the happening of the accident, the case was settled for \$225,000.00.