

\$247,500 Award for Motor Vehicle Accident

Denville, NJ

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In December 2016, Plaintiff was a passenger in a vehicle when the Defendant struck the rear of the vehicle in which Plaintiff was driving.

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. When his pain grew increasingly worse, he presented to a chiropractor, where he complained of headaches and severe neck pain radiating to his right shoulder. Given his complaints, he immediately commenced a course of conservative management consisting of chiropractic care, physical modalities and acupuncture treatment. He then underwent MRI testing of his cervical spine which revealed (1) bilateral disc herniation at C3-C4, greater on the left side, with associated spinal canal and left lateral recess stenosis; (2) bilateral disc herniation at C4-C5, greater in the paracentral region on the right side, with associated spinal canal stenosis; and (3) central disc herniation at C6-C7 with encroachment of the anterior aspect of the spinal canal. He thereafter underwent an EMG/NCV study which revealed evidence of right C4, C5, and C6 radiculopathy.

Plaintiff was administered a cervical epidural steroid injection at C6-C7 which failed to alleviate his pain ultimately therefore, in October 2017, Plaintiff underwent surgery.

No defenses with respect to liability or damages. No lost wage claim was asserted.

The case settled for \$247,500, prior to the scheduling of a trial.