

# \$250,000 Settlement for Emotional Injury

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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 \$250,000.00 settlement for emotional injury to a minor.

Plaintiff is a minor. In March of 2015, Plaintiff began attending a school for emotionally disturbed students about an hour away from the Plaintiff's home and was transported to school by the Defendant, an employee of FSZ Transportation. For approximately ten days, the Defendant exchanged sexually explicit photographs with the Plaintiff while in transit to school.

The criminal conduct of the Defendant was revealed by the Plaintiff during a therapy session and the Defendant was arrested on a number of criminal charges and ultimately jailed. Following the arrest of the Defendant, the Plaintiff has spiraled into an emotionally unstable state, has expressed suicidal ideations, and attempted suicide on at least two occasions. Plaintiff began disregarding personal hygiene, developed excessive weight gain, sleep loss and an unwillingness to attend school. Plaintiff required interventional hospitalization and crisis intervention and was ultimately admitted to an inpatient facility because of increasing frequency of suicidal ideations arising from the incident.

A lawsuit was filed against the transportation company who employed the Defendant for negligent hiring and for otherwise failing to perform the appropriate background check.

The case was settled at a mediation hearing for the policy limit amount of \$250,000.00 of the transportation company prior to trial.