

\$315,000 Settlement in Slip and Fall

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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 \$315,000 settlement for a slip and fall. On February 11, 2013, at approximately 7:30 a.m., the plaintiff was an invitee and pedestrian at LabCorp, for the purpose of undergoing blood work. The property was owned by the defendant. The plaintiff parked his vehicle in the parking lot adjacent to the entrance of LabCorp, and exited his vehicle and walked a short distance. At that time he slipped and fell on black ice. It was proven that not only did the plaintiff fall that morning, but several other people fell within a half hour time period, including the responding EMS squad member.

As a result of the fall, the plaintiff sustained the following injuries: a peritrochanteric fracture of the right hip requiring open reduction surgery with an intramedullary hip nail measuring 10 mm in diameter and 170 mm in length inserted in the proximal femur at a 120 degree angle along with the insertion of a 100 meter bolt and one 36 mm cortical screw resulting in two permanent scars each measuring 5 inches in length.

After extensive discovery, the case proceeded to an arbitration hearing where the arbitrator awarded a net amount to the plaintiff in the amount of \$315,000. All parties agreed and accepted the arbitrator's award and prior to trial, the case was settled for \$315,000.