

\$375,000 Settlement Announced in Chain Reaction Car Accident

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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 \$375,000 settlement in a chain reaction car accident. The plaintiff, 67 years of age, was a passenger in her own car which was being driven by her daughter. They were stopped on Route 17 in Rochelle Park, NJ when the car was struck from behind by a tractor trailer who left 135 feet of skid marks prior to hitting car (indicating excessive speed). There was significant damage to her car. The driver of the truck was given two tickets for careless driving. As a result of the accident, the plaintiff aggravated a pre-existing asymptomatic condition in her neck requiring anterior cervical discectomy and fusion at three levels. The attorney for the defense admitted his client's liability for the accident, but argued that the surgery was necessitated by a preexisting degenerative condition and not caused by the accident itself. A month before trial, the case was mediated before a retired Superior Court Judge and was settled for \$375,000.00.