$600,000 Settlement for a Motorcycle Accident Case

Christopher Musmanno, Esq., attorney for Daniel Dragonetti of Roxbury, NJ, in the case of Dragonetti v Matusewicz, announces a Personal Injury case settlement of $600,000 for his client, who was the victim in a motorcycle accident in 2007. The settlement helped pay for Mr. Dragonetti's medical bills, which were not covered by his own insurance. Negotiating with various medical providers, Musmanno, Counsel at the firm of Einhorn, Barbarito, Frost & Botwinick, PC, Denville, NJ, not only won his client the maximum available insurance proceeds, but was able to manage the complex insurance issues in the case to minimize the out of pocket costs of his medical and rehab care through negotiating with various medical providers. On September 23rd, 2007, Daniel Dragonetti, age 41 of Jefferson Twp. was traveling East on Howard Blvd. when his motorcycle was struck at the three-way intersection by a borrowed Green Explorer operated by John Matusewicz age 49, also of Roxbury. Matusewicz was making a left turn from Espanong Rd. onto Minnisink Road and came into contact with the motorcycle on the victim's side of the road. As a result, Mr. Dragonetti suffered leg, arm and head injuries and was airlifted to Morristown Memorial Hospital. In New Jersey, the law requires that those injured in motorcycle accidents must utilize coverage offered through their medical insurance provider because motorcycle policies do not offer major medical coverage. In this case, Mr. Dragonetti incurred about $200,000 in medical bills as a result of the accident. The attorneys and staff of Einhorn, Barbarito, Frost & Botwinick were able to negotiate on Mr. Dragonetti's behalf to drastically minimize his uncovered medical expenses. After paying attorneys' fees, the remainder of the $600,000 settlement was his to keep. Due to the diligence of his attorney, Chris Musmanno, both the half million dollar insurance policy of the borrowed car owner as well as the $100,000 excess coverage from the policy on the car owned by the driver, Mr. Matusewicz, were utilized to cover the costs of settlement. Mr. Dragonetti's injuries were significant and many are permanently debilitating. As a result of the collision, Mr. Dragonetti suffered segmented comminuted fractures of the distal tibia, an unusual fracture in the ankle, which makes treatment very difficult. Comminuted fractures are those in which bone is broken, splintered or crushed into a number of pieces. He also suffered a comminuted left acetabular fracture (an injury to the socket of the hip joint) with a separation at the pubic bone. Additional injuries included posteria dislocation of his left hip with an impaction fracture of the left femoral head, the highest part of the thigh bone (femur), which is supported by the neck of the femur. Mr. Dragonetti has to undergo multiple surgeries to repair the damage to his body and endured

numerous cuts and lacerations.