

# Personal Injury Settlement Published In New Jersey Law Journal, “\$375,000 in Passaic Auto Case.”

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***Romaniello v. Hollis:*** A man who sustained spinal and shoulder injuries in an intersection collision settled his Passaic County case for \$375,000 on Aug. 10, 2020.

According to plaintiffs counsel, on April 11, 2019, plaintiff Alfred Romaniello, 73, was driving west on Rea Avenue, at its intersection with Second Avenue, in Hawthorne. The front of a sedan struck the side of his sport utility vehicle. The sedan had driven through a stop sign. Romaniello sued the sedan's driver, Patrick Hollis. Romaniello alleged that Hollis was negligent in the operation of a vehicle.

Romaniello claimed shoulder, neck and back injuries. Romaniello was ultimately diagnosed with full-thickness tears of his left supraspinatus and infraspinatus tendons, a tear of the subscapularis, a tear of the left biceps tendon, effusion of the glenohumeral joint, herniations at cervical intervertebral discs C4-5 and C6-7, cervical and lumbar radiculopathy, and an aggravation of a preexisting herniation at L4-5. He underwent an arthroscopy of his left shoulder, and a decompression, hemilaminectomies, and medial facetectomies and foraminotomies at L5-S1. The suit claims he will continue to experience problems related to pain and weakness in his shoulder that may require a shoulder prosthesis. Romaniello sought damages for past and future pain and suffering.

The parties negotiated a pretrial settlement last Aug. 10. Hollis' insurer, New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Co., agreed to pay \$375,000 from a policy that provided \$500,000 of coverage.

The plaintiff was represented by **Christopher L. Musmanno** of Denville's **Einhorn, Barbarito, Frost & Botwinick**. The defendant was represented by Kelly P. Corrubia of Norton, Murphy, Sheehy & Corrubia in Woodland Park.

*Editor's Comment: This report is based on information that was provided by plaintiff's counsel. Defense counsel did not respond to the reporter's phone calls.*

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