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Practice in focus

Personal Injury

\$600,000 Personal Injury SETTLEMENT

Dragonetti v Matuszewicz, Motorcycle Accident

Christopher Musmanno, Esq., attorney for Daniel Dragonetti of Jefferson Twp, NJ, in the case of Dragonetti v Matuszewicz, announced 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, not only successfully negotiated the maximum available settlement 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 Matuszewicz, age 49. Matuszewicz 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, Harris, Ascher, Barbarito & Frost 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.

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If you are injured in an accident...

If you have been involved in a car accident, truck accident, or motorcycle accident, you will have to deal with your insurance company and the insurance agents of others involved in the accident. Our attorneys can help.

Here are some things to remember regarding your claim:

- ✓ Contact your insurance company as soon after the accident as possible.
- ✓ Read your policy and understand it.

✓ Get as many details of the accident as possible (names, addresses, phone numbers of witnesses.)

✓ Have someone take pictures of the damaged

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- \$2,115,000 Gross Verdict in Tractor Trailer Accident
- \$800,000 Settlement, in Essex County Motor Vehicle Accident

\$600,00 Settlement in Motorcycle Accident Case...

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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. Matuszewicz, 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).

Additional injuries included posterior 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.

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Christopher Musmanno is Counsel at the firm and concentrates his practice in Personal Injury matters and litigation with a specific concentration in automobile, slip and fall and workplace accident cases. With extensive experience in civil trials, Chris has developed a strong track record in representing clients as plaintiffs in these areas. He obtained his J.D. in 1988 from Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark. Chris was admitted to the New Jersey and Pennsylvania bars in 1988 and the New York bar in 1995.

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vehicles and
any injuries
you
sustained.

√ Make a note of the insurance details of any other person or vehicle involved.

√ Keep a written account of phone calls

with the insurance officers, agents, and any other people involved in the claims process.

√ Save receipts and bills for expenses relating to your claim—for repair work on the damaged vehicle, and medical costs incurred on the treatment of injuries.

√ Be honest with the investigators so

that your claim is not denied for fraudulent reasons.

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for fraudulent reasons."*

√ Review *all* of your insurance policies. Many people have multiple insurance policies under which they may be able to file valid insurance claims.

If you are injured, call us for a free consultation.

PI/Workers' Comp Team: Who we are and what do we do....

Our personal injury and workers' compensation attorneys represent those who have sustained injuries from accidents where there may be liability:

Motor Vehicle
Slip and Fall
Work-Related Injuries
Use of Defective Products
Dog Bite
Wrongful Death



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