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Your Biggest Accident Could Be Your Choice Of Attorney!

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Man Hit by Motor Vehicle Receives \$1,050,000 Recovery

Corradino and Papa represented a 73-year-old man who was struck by a motor vehicle while attempting to cross a residential street. The accident took place on January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Fairview, NJ. The man sustained a traumatic brain injury later leading to left-sided paralysis.

The case was settled during mediation. It was principally managed by Associate Peter J. De Frank and negotiated with Senior Partner

Jack Vincent Corradino. *"It is a great settlement for the family and it's important that the family receive compensation immediately rather than a few years down the road so it can be used to better the man's therapy and quality of life,"* stated Mr. Corradino. Mr. De Frank is now applying to be one of the youngest members of the National Million Dollar Advocate's Forum. It was our firm's honor to represent this individual.



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VERDICT ...Woman hit by Taxi Awarded \$785,000



Our firm had the honor of representing a woman who was run over by a taxi in Paterson. The woman was awarded \$785,000 by a State Superior Court jury following a jury trial conducted by Mr. Corradino.

The 20-year-old woman was crossing Main Street in Paterson on February 14, 2010 when she was struck by a cab whose driver was talking on his cell phone. She was taken to St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center and from there to St. Barnabas Medical Center Intensive Care Unit in Livingston. She underwent surgeries to her knee and stomach and was told she will need additional surgeries. Her nose was also misaligned in the accident and was also corrected in surgery. In Jack V. Corradino's presentation to the jury he showed graphic pictures of the scars and the woman herself pointed to where they were on her body. Following the verdict, Mr. Corradino stated that it is questionable if the young woman will realize the full jury award because of what he called *inadequate state laws that do not require taxi cabs to carry sufficient insurance coverage*.

Things to do in Case of an Auto Accident

1. Most states require that you stop and do not leave the scene of the accident.
2. Contact the state or city police.
3. If possible and if safe to do so, do not move your car. Protect the accident scene until investigating officers arrive.
4. Take safety precautions: Use flags, flares or other warning devices to alert oncoming motorists.
5. If someone is injured, you are required to make sure that they receive proper medical attention.
6. Obtain name, address, phone number, driver's license number and insurance company of the other driver. Make sure the license is current and that the license plate matches the registration.
7. Obtain name of owner, if they are not the driver, including address, phone number, insurance company and policy number.
8. If able, please get names of passengers, including their addresses and phone numbers.
9. If able, please get names of any witnesses and write them down. Not doing so is one of the most common mistakes made by motorists.
10. Take pictures of your car and the other car involved. Also take pictures of the scene of the accident.
11. If you are injured, don't refuse medical attention at the scene. Please be aware that you may not feel the effects of an accident until later on because the body numbs.
12. If your vehicle is towed, get the information on where it is located.
13. Contact your insurance agent or broker and inform them that you had an accident. Get the name of the person with whom you speak.
14. Do not give a statement or sign any forms until you speak to CORRADINO & PAPA LAW OFFICES at 1-877-574-1200.
15. Beware of insurance companies who contact you and tell you that you don't need a lawyer; it's against the law in many states. Statistics show that claimants who are represented receive two to three times more than unrepresented claimants.



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Whiplash...Much More Than Just a Pain in the Neck!

Approximately 120,000 Americans experience whiplash injury annually. That breaks down to 10,000 per month; 2,307 per week; 328 per day; and 13 per hour.

Whiplash is a soft tissue injury that occurs when the neck and head are thrown forward and back again due to sudden impact. The most common cause of whiplash is car accidents, but whiplash can also occur in sports accidents or when a child under age 5 is violently shaken, known as “shaken baby syndrome”. Injury is caused when the impact flexes the head and neck beyond their normal range of movement. In addition to the tissue in the neck area, whiplash may also damage joints, discs, ligaments, muscles and nerve roots.

Whiplash Treatment

It is important to see a doctor immediately if you have been in a car accident, even if you don't have a lot of pain, because you may still be injured. Your treatment may include pain medication, anti-inflammatory drugs, muscle relaxants, a cervical collar and, perhaps, antidepressants. Your doctor may also prescribe range-of-motion exercises and physical therapy.

In general, the prognosis for people suffering from whiplash injuries is good. Usually, the neck and head pain dissipates within a few days or weeks. Most patients recover within three months after the injury. However, some people may continue to experience pain for a longer period of time. In the case of shaken baby syndrome, the violent shaking of young children may result in severe injuries, including permanent brain damage or even death.

Expedient Diagnosis and Redress

There is often a misconception that whiplash is “only a neck injury”. That phrase is used by many people involved in a car accident or other type of accident, and the reluctance to file a whiplash claim has often led to a lack of redress for the injury suffered.

The whip effect to the spine can injure structures even in the low back. Sometimes symptoms do not appear until days after an accident because the rush of adrenalin and mental stress brought on by such an incident can delay the victim's reaction. Further, it is important to always remember that whiplash is not strictly a “car accident injury” but one that can result from falls and sports injuries, as well.



If You Think You Have Whiplash Due to Someone Else's Negligence

You should contact an attorney as soon as possible. It is important to pursue your case immediately because all states have a statute of limitations restricting the length of time you have to file a case. Also, your medical care may be denied due to the intricacies of Personal Injury Protection Law. If you would like your case to be evaluated by us at no cost or further obligation, please call Corradino & Papa at 1-877-574-1200.

Symptoms of Whiplash

Physical symptoms can include:

- Headaches
- Neck pain or stiffness
- Loss of motion in the neck
- Injured muscles and ligaments
- Dizziness
- Muscle spasms (in serious cases)

Psychological symptoms can include:

- Memory loss
- Poor concentration
- Nervousness/irritability
- Fatigue
- Depression



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