

**RECENT NOTEWORTHY CASES**

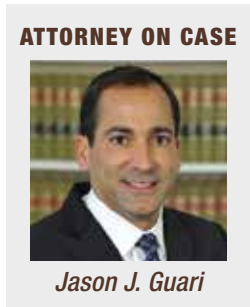
**\$500,000 Policy Limits Settlement for Multiple Injuries Including Head Injury of Young Professional Involved in Rollover Crash**

Our young client was travelling eastbound on Gateway Boulevard when suddenly and without warning a negligent driver pulled out from a side street directly into the rear, passenger side of our client’s vehicle. The force of the impact sent our client’s vehicle into a clockwise spin before going airborne, **rolling over twice**, and coming to rest on its roof facing westbound. **Despite wearing her seatbelt, our client was thrown about the interior of the vehicle and lost consciousness.**

The Boynton Beach Police Department investigated the crash and determined the defendant driver violated our client’s right-of-way.

These color photographs demonstrate the extensive property damage to our client’s car:

The vehicle was deemed a **total loss** as the gross total damage was more than **\$13,000.**



As a result of this crash, our client sustained personal injuries to her head, left eye, neck, back, shoulders, ribs, right leg, left knee, and right ankle. Immediately after the accident, she was transported by Boynton Beach Fire Rescue to JFK Medical Center with an open head injury where she received five (5) staples to left side of her head.

Thereafter our client presented to a spinal surgeon for her neck and back injuries and to a neurologist for her head injury. Following the accident, she was restricted from working for a month.

MRIs of the *cervical spine, left shoulder, thoracic spine, lumbar spine, and knee* revealed acute injuries and abnormal findings for a woman her young age. Her neurologist prescribed Fioricet for headaches and objective testing demonstrated abnormal conduction times which were indicative of post-traumatic, right brainstem lesions. Objective EEG testing also revealed post-traumatic seizure predisposition.

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# Allegations of DUI Case Settled for \$250,000 in Pre-Suit

Attorney Jason Guari, Attorney Scott Perry, and their team recently settled a case for a nice, older gentleman who was t-boned by a woman arrested for **DUI**.

Our client was traveling northbound on a Palm Beach County roadway when an SUV came quickly from his left attempting to turn into a neighborhood. Unfortunately, the driver of the SUV was intoxicated and violated our client's right-of-way, causing significant damage - both vehicles were **total losses**.

Although our client was in pain at the scene, he chose to be stoic and hoped that his pain would go away. When after nearly a month had passed, and his pain did not subside, he finally sought treatment and learned that he had herniated discs in his neck.

**(It is always important to seek immediate medical care if you are in pain, as untreated injuries can have dire consequences.)** He underwent physical therapy and had a definitive surgical recommendation for a serious and substantial neck surgery - for which he did not undergo.

Although the SUV driver was arrested at the scene for DUI, the State chose not to pursue charges, due to technical deficiencies in the DUI investigation/arrest. Undeterred by this fact, Murray Guari Trial Attorneys' used their knowledge of the fact that when the State chooses not to pursue an action for DUI, it is **still possible to seek punitive damages in a civil action to maximize the recovery**.

Civil cases (such as personal injury) require a jury to find someone is liable/

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negligent by a preponderance of the evidence (anything more than 50%), whereas criminal cases require a jury to find someone guilty beyond a reasonable doubt (a much higher burden of proof).

As a result, Murray Guari Trial Attorneys obtained a \$250,000, pre-suit settlement for the un-operated disc injury and our client's pain and suffering. **It is always important to have knowledgeable a dedicated attorneys working for you when you are injured as a result of the negligence of others, especially when there are allegations of intoxication.** ■



Our Client's vehicle

DUI Driver's vehicle

# Confidential Settlement for Car Accident Victim that Required Hip Replacement Surgery

Our client was eastbound on Southern Boulevard attempting to make a left turn onto Fairgrounds Road when a negligent driver cut across the safety zone (marked with diagonal crosshatching) and struck his vehicle, causing our client to jam his right hip against the center console.

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**An MRI of his right hip revealed a torn superior labrum** along with pre-existing arthritis, consistent with his age.

Importantly, prior to the crash, he had no right hip symptoms and led an active life. He began a physical therapy program including manual therapy, massage therapy, therapeutic exercises, and active resistance therapy. Despite therapy, his pain persisted and affected his ability to walk and activities of daily living. He then underwent multiple cortisone injections into his right hip joint which only provided temporary relief.

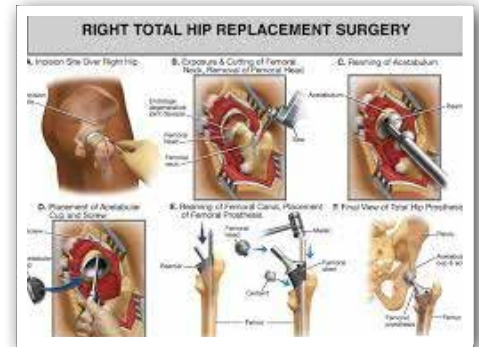
With continued severe right hip pain, weakness and unsteady gait, his treating orthopedic surgeon recommended a **right total hip replacement**. Inserted herein is an illustration of the right

total hip replacement surgery that he underwent:

As a result of the injuries sustained in this crash, our client submitted medical bills of nearly **\$105,000** and a total disability rating of 30%. The doctors

anticipate he will likely incur medical costs over his lifetime ranging from **\$250,000 to \$350,000**.

In many ways this crash robbed our client of his quality of life and enjoying time with friends and family. Instead, he spends nights restless and unable to sleep, using a walker for assistance. He does not remember what it was like to be pain free. It is true that he has had improvement from the surgery, and he is thankful for that, but he will have to live the rest of his life with limited mobility. ■



# \$500,000 Settlement For Multiple Injuries Including Head Injury of Young Professional Involved in Rollover Crash

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Our client submitted for lumbar and cervical spine injections as depicted above:

Although the injections provided temporary relief, our client submitted for the following surgical procedures:

- **Neurotomy, medial branch, paravertebral facet joint nerve, C5, C6, C7 corresponding to facet joint complex C4-C5, C5-C6, C6-C7 bilateral.**

- **Neurotomy, medial branch, paravertebral facet joint nerve, L3, L4, L5 corresponding to facet joint complex L3-L4, L4-L5, L5-S1 bilateral.**

Our client sustained medical bills in excess of **\$115,000.00** and a permanent impairment due to severe post-concussion syndrome with loss of consciousness and manifested by persistent headaches, tinnitus, concentration difficulties, and left ocular retro-orbital pressure. This young professional missed over **\$12,500 in lost hourly wages**.

**This horrible crash substantially affected our client.** Prior to that dreadful day, she was in her early 20's and had what she considered the perfect life – she had recently started her career, obtained more than one job offer, she was engaged to the love of her life, and was excited about planning her wedding and honeymoon. She is the ultimate triple threat: intelligent, beautiful, and extremely likeable. ■

# Murray Guari Settles Heavy, Rear-end Collision Case – Encourages Public to Protect Themselves by Purchasing Uninsured Motorist (UM) Coverage

Attorney Jason Guari recently settled a case for policy limits after a severe, rear-end collision resulting in serious neck injuries to our client.

Our client was stopped for traffic when she was rear-ended by an inattentive driver who had limited insurance coverage, relative to our client's injuries.

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Jason J. Guari

Murray Guari Trial Attorneys resolved the matter quickly for our client; but, unfortunately **our client did not remember that she rejected Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage (UM/UIM)**. This coverage is vital and everyone should purchase this type of coverage – **do not be persuaded by the insurance company or an agent to not buy it.**

UM/UIM insurance is coverage available from your own automobile insurance carrier for your injuries, medical expenses, lost wages, and pain and suffering when someone causes you to be injured in a crash and that person either carries no Bodily Injury (BI) coverage or only a small amount of BI coverage.

**Remember in Florida, the law does not require anyone to carry any BI coverage.**

**Murray Guari Trial Attorneys urges everyone to purchase as much UM/UIM coverage as they can afford** to protect themselves and their love ones from being hurt through the fault of another and being left with no avenue to seek fair compensation for their injuries. ■



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