

## **Pedestrian Injured with Aggravation of Pre-Existing Condition – Case Settled**

Attorneys Scott C. Murray and Keith R. Hedrick recently settled a pedestrian v. motor vehicle injury claim for \$500,000. Our client, a pedestrian,





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As a result of the crash, our client suffered an acute nondisplaced fracture of her left hip and a fracture to her sacrum. Ultimately, the injuries that she sustained in the crash forced her undergo a left total hip replacement. Her extensive medical treatment, pain and suffering, and loss of income, all took a major toll on the life of our client.

When initially attempting to resolve the claim, the insurance company argued that our client had a pre-existing condition



was standing in a friend's driveway when she was suddenly and unexpectedly pinned between a parked vehicle and a vehicle that was attempting to park in the driveway. The force, when her body was pinned between the two cars, was so severe that it caused over \$4,700 in property damage to the two vehicles.



of arthritis in her left hip, therefore, it was not responsible in whole or in part for our client needing her left total hip replacement. Fortunately, the State of Florida protects individuals with preexisting conditions when those conditions are aggravated due to the negligence of others.

Ultimately, the insurance company agreed that its driver was responsible for all of our client's injuries and damages. Through the hard work of Mr. Murray and Mr. Hedrick, they were able to reach a settlement of \$500,000 on behalf of our client. Thankfully, due to the excellent care and treatment of her treating physicians, our client was able to make a full recovery.



## **\$400,000 Settlement for Veteran, Bicyclist hit by Distracted Driver**

Jason J. Guari, Esq., and Keith R. Hedrick, Esq., recently secured a \$400,000 settlement for their client, Mr. S, a United States Army, Vietnam War Veteran, in a bicyclist vs. motor vehicle crash.

In the summer of 2018, Mr. S – an extremely active individual in his mid-seventies – was riding his bicycle in the designated bicycle lane in Delray Beach, Florida. Unfortunately for Mr. S, he was in the right place at the wrong time, when a distracted driver failed to stop at a stop sign and pulled out directly into with broken ribs, and injuries to this head, neck, shoulders, and knees. After conservative care failed to completely relieve his symptoms, Mr. S underwent an





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his shoulder.

arthroscopic surgery to his knee and a rotator cuff repair surgery to



his path of travel. There was nothing Mr. S could do to avoid the crash and he was ultimately thrown off his bike, onto the ground, and came to rest under the negligent driver's vehicle.

As a result of the crash, Mr. S sustained injuries to his head, neck, shoulders, knees, and chest. Despite his stoic nature, he immediately presented to the hospital where he was diagnosed



This crash unequivocally changed the life of Mr. S. Despite the success of the surgeries, he was no longer the same active and energetic person he was beforehand. In many ways, this crash

robbed Mr. S of the ability to enjoy his golden years of retirement.

Through the hard work of Mr. Guari and Mr. Hedrick, the negligent driver's insurance company agreed to a pre-suit mediation. At mediation, both sides reached a settlement agreement for \$400,000, and Mr. S and his family were finally able to start to put this terrible situation behind them.



## **Car Accident while riding bike**

"Jason was a gem! He was not only our lawyer, but he was like a family member. He took every step with us of our long arduous journey! He was interested, helpful and so very professional and knowledgeable. His staff was also always there for us. I think without our good choice to choose him as our lawyer we would have been lost! Thank you Jason and your staff!"

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