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After Denial of Liability, **\$400,000** Settlement in Trucking Case

Law Partners **Jason Guari** and **Scott Perry**, had the privilege of representing a retired Spanish speaking couple who had the misfortune of being rear-ended by a tractor-trailer in rural Florida. From the beginning, the insurance carrier for the trucking company took the position of deny, delay, avoid, and hide-the-ball. Below are photographs of the vehicles at the scene.



This heavy crash resulted in numerous injuries, including inducing a stroke and lumbar (low back) injuries which required care from an orthopedic surgeon.

Instead of accepting responsibility or even acknowledging any sense of wrongdoing, the insurance company took the approach of dragging its feet and blaming our clients, despite all they did was slow down to turn off the road with their turn-signal on. The insurance company even went as far as failing to provide significant documentation during the discovery process. The defense team failed to realize two important things about the trial team at Murray Guari – 1) for

us, our clients and cases are personal; and we treat them as such with a drive to achieve justice and 2) we regularly handle trucking cases;

therefore, we know what documents and evidence do and should exist. When you add these two factors together, it meant that even when faced with obstructionist answers of “none,” we kept on digging until someone revealed important, relevant documents, including a download of the tractor’s engine speed that proved the trucker’s failure to slow down pre-crash. With the documents in hand and clear evidence of filing false information with the Court and having delayed turning the evidence over for a significant time, the insurance company finally wanted to resolve the claim. Otherwise, the judge would likely have sanctioned them for their conduct during discovery. Then the jury would have seen a trucking company picking on a retired couple

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ATTORNEYS ON CASE



Jason J. Guari



Scott B. Perry

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\$275,000 Trip & Fall Settlement For 89-Year-Old Client

Attorneys Scott C. Murray and Keith R. Hedrick recently settled a trip and fall accident claim for \$275,000 for our 89-year-old client.

This incident occurred when our client, walking through a local grocery store, encountered a carpeted runner with lifted edges that had been improperly placed in the area. As a result, our client's foot caught the lifted runner and caused her to fall to the ground and land on her left shoulder and elbow. The fall caused our client to sustain a comminuted fracture of the surgical neck of the left humerus as well as a comminuted fracture of the olecranon of the left elbow. She required surgery on her left elbow with the use of implanted hardware.

Unfortunately, the insurance company placed blame on our client for this incident, but then realized the extent of exposure should the case proceed into litigation. During a pre-suit settlement conference, our almost ninety (90) year old client spoke about how this incident changed

her life in many ways, but most importantly, it changed her life by stripping her of what she cherished most, her independence.

Through the hard work of our entire team at Murray Guari Trial Attorneys, Attorneys Scott C. Murray and Keith R. Hedrick, negotiated a settlement of \$275,000 at mediation with the insurance company of the at-fault party. The settlement helped to compensate our client, in part, for her injuries and pain and suffering; however, she will never regain the independence that was taken from her on that unfortunate day. ■

ATTORNEYS ON CASE



Scott C. Murray



Keith R. Hedrick



X-ray (left) of our client's comminuted fracture of the olecranon of the left elbow and our client's left elbow (right) post-surgery.

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Resolved Trip & Fall Case with a “Twist”

Attorney Scott C. Murray and **paralegal Joshua Cadrin** recently resolved a trip and fall injury claim against the third-party company whose employee created a hazard while working at a store.

Our client went shopping at her local grocery store, and just prior to checking out, she reached into a small cooler near the checkout counter to grab a soda. As she did that, the soda vendor employee, who happened to be working at the store, placed a case of soda on the floor behind her. As our client turned around after retrieving her soda, she tripped and fell over the case of soda and sustained significant injuries to her knee and lower back.

Initially, the Murray Guari Team pursued the property owner and store operator under a premises liability theory. After completing a thorough investigation, the MG Team determined that the real culprit was the soda vendor's employee and switched their focus to a general negligence claim.

Ultimately, the soda vendor accepted the fact that its employee created the dangerous condition that caused our client to trip and be

injured. Nevertheless, it then tried to argue that our client's injuries were not caused by her fall, yet it could not point to some other cause. Our client had no previous complaints regarding her knee and lower back and the onset of her symptoms began immediately after her trip and fall.

After providing records and recommendations by our client's treating doctors, some of whom identified her trip and fall as the sole cause of her injuries, the soda vendor finally came to the negotiating table with a fair and reasonable settlement favorable to our client. Because of this resolution, our client can receive the treatment she needs. We hope the soda vendor will initiate additional training for its employees to be more careful in the future, since this trip and fall could have been easily avoided had the employee exercised common sense and reasonable care. ■

ATTORNEY AND PARALEGAL ON CASE



Scott C. Murray



Joshua C. Cadrin



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who had suffered injuries while driving responsibly and following the rules of the road.

When injured through the fault of another, it is important to have a team, like Murray Guari, who understand how to gather all the facts and pieces surrounding an incident, and not let the insurance company, or defense team, play hide-the-ball. ■

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Thank You For Your Confidence And Trust In Us

We at Murray Guari are thankful and humbled by the **positive feedback from our clients**. We remain strong on our focus – helping our clients when they need it most. **Here are a couple of recent reviews provided by our clients:**

“Scott Perry was highly recommended after my car accident. He took the time to meet with me and explain the process. He was very thorough and kept me informed every step of the way! It gave me comfort in knowing I had a strong team of caring people on my side.” ~ CC

“We were referred to Murray Guari Trial Attorneys from one of its past, satisfied clients. We were in a pretty bad auto accident that was clearly not our fault. The firm's guidance and advice - through a tough and painful time - made dealing with a difficult situation much more palpable. The law firm's “all hands on” approach makes it easy for us to recommend the firm in the future. Tracy V - the Office Manager - was just wonderful to deal with; the firm is great.” ~ P&J

“Scott Murray puts you at ease the moment you meet. For someone in pain, this is where I judge how I will be treated. In many slip and fall cases, people are very embarrassed. You will never feel this way with him. The whole office is there to see to your care and needs. They go way beyond office hours to help you out. My case was handled with the utmost skill. By the time we came to the pretrial, the negligence was so firmly established, they could not even refute any of our proof. I was awarded so much more than I ever thought I could get. Scott Murray is someone I very highly recommend.” ~ AV

“I cannot recommend Jason and his team more. Through the thick and thin of the past 2 years, they have been right by my side. Truthfully, they went above and beyond. Jason really cares about his clients and making sure they are well taken care of.” ~ KP

“An Office that really does work for you. Forget those large billboard companies. They have many associates and no personal care. At Murray Guari, the care you get is personal with availability to suit your schedule. Each person is hardworking, and your case won't be lost in the law clerks and associates. Their work is greatly detailed and investigated in order to get you the most compensation you deserve. A very honest, hardworking trial law firm. My case was settled in mediation after a spectacular presentation that left no doubt of fault, with a payout I could never think of. I recommend this office highly.” ~ JH

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