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# Murray Guari Obtains Six-Figure Confidential Settlement for a Trip and Fall Case

Attorneys **Scott C. Murray** and **Keith R. Hedrick** recently resolved a trip and fall accident claim for a **confidential six-figure settlement**. This incident occurred when our client stepped out of her vehicle into deep hole that was **concealed** over time with a layer of grass. The hole had been caused by the removal of a tree 3 ½ years before. After the fall, our client was immediately rushed to the hospital where she was diagnosed with a **trimalleolar fracture dislocation** of her left ankle that required surgery and the implantation of hardware.





Photograph of hole (left) and x-ray of our client's left ankle following surgery (right).

Our firm brought **suit** against the owner of the commercial property, the commercial entity leasing the property, and two commercial landscape maintenance companies. Unfortunately, the insurance company for the defendents placed **blame on our client** for this incident, even blaming

her for where she parked in the parking lot and where she stepped out of her vehicle. The defendants also attempted to





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blame each other, trying to "pass the buck," and shift their own negligence to the other defendants. Ultimately, all of the commercial defendants contributed to close out the claim, each paying a percentage of fault for this devastating injury that forever changed the life of our client.

Our client was thankful that Scott C. Murray and Keith R. Hedrick were able to negotiate this **confidential six-figure settlement** so that she can finally begin to put this matter behind her and move on from this traumatic incident.

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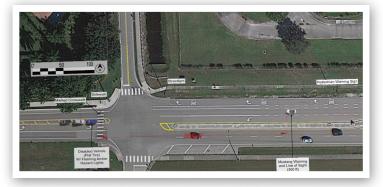
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## **Driver Fails to Pay Attention to Pedestrian in the Crosswalk and Forever Alters Life of Young Man**

Partners Scott Murray and Scott Perry recently resolved this claim for \$675,000.

Our client, a twenty-year-old young man, was crossing the road in a marked crosswalk to help his mother who had a flat tire when he was violently struck by a vehicle whose driver was not paying attention to the road ahead of him. Unfortunately, the driver failed to observe our client despite the fact that he was in the crosswalk, wearing white clothing, and had other visual cues available to him.



Our client was transported from the scene to the hospital with a severe left femoral neck (hip) fracture requiring emergency surgery with hardware.





The defense attempted to blame our client, arguing that he ran out in front of traffic and otherwise failed to pay attention. The





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Murray Guari Team dispelled that theory by presenting medical evidence that our client was unable to run due to a prior unrelated injury. In addition, the Murray Guari Team retained an accident reconstruction expert to prove that the driver had ample time and distance to avoid this tragic accident had he been paying closer attention to the road ahead of him.

With the defense theory full of holes, we were able to collect the policy limits of: the vehicle owner's insurance; the underlying policy limits of the driver's insurance; and a large portion of the driver's umbrella policy – despite that the driver's insurance originally, incorrectly, argued that none of its policies applied.

Our client has his whole life ahead of him and now has financial resources to help pay for the cost of future medical care he is likely to incur over his lifetime due to the defendant's negligence.

It is important to remember that, just because you may have the right-of-way when walking in a crosswalk, you need to remain vigilant because drivers may not **be paying attention.** We also encourage everyone when walking at night to take extra care, including wearing white or light colors when possible.

Disclaimer: Each case is unique, and the results in one case do not necessarily indicate the quality or value of another case.



# Distracted & Visually Impaired Driver Altered Life of Young, Pedestrian Client

Partners **Jason Guari** and **Scott Perry** recently resolved a claim after nearly four years for our young client for a combined **\$275,000**.

Our client, who was sixteen at the time of the crash, had the misfortune of first getting into an accident which was her fault. Then, as she was attempting to get off the roadway that night, she was **crossing the street in a crosswalk** when an older driver failed to pay attention and struck her as a pedestrian. She was sent to the hospital with a broken nose, a fractured elbow, a fractured leg, and internal bruising. Ultimately, three years later, she finally had an arthroscopic knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus.

The driver who struck her chose not to stop after he struck her, claiming he did not hit her and thought he ran over "some debris", despite having clear evidence showing a cracked and dislodged front bumper and a torn off sideview mirror. defendant driver, saw he **never** slowed until the last second before hitting our client, and then never came to see who he hit. Additionally, we





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obtained the ophthalmology records of the defendant which showed temporally significant, long-standing complaints of blurry vision, difficulty seeing distance, and other evidence that he probably should have never been on the road that night.

With the overwhelming evidence showing the liability of the defendant, despite his **denials** all the way through litigation, the case was resolved for a total of \$275,000





Because the driver disputed that he even struck our client, litigation commenced. During the course of the litigation, this firm showed unequivocally that **the driver struck our client as a pedestrian** and that his testimony was full of inconsistencies. We deposed an independent witness who explained he saw the crash from behind the

fairly compensating our client for everything that she went through. While we wish our client had never been struck as a pedestrian, knowing that the compensation will help her get started on her adult life brings us much joy. Helping people through tragic losses, such as this, are why we are here.

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### **Restaurant Fails to Warn / Remove Defective Chair it Knew About**

Attorneys Jason J. Guari and Keith R. Hedrick recently resolved a premises liability claim in excess of \$1,000,000. This unfortunate incident occurred when our client, who was a patron of a restaurant and sitting at a high-top table, was thrown to the ground when his chair suddenly broke. The failure of the chair caused our client to fall directly backwards, landing on his back, neck, and striking his head on the floor. Immediately after the incident, a manager of the restaurant came to see what happened, when seeing the chair, the manager stated, "we missed that one."





As a result of the fall and the significant injury sustained to his neck, our client underwent a disc replacement / fusion surgery





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to his cervical spine. Thankfully, he tolerated the procedure well and reported vast improvement of his pain and symptoms following his quick recovery.

Attorneys Guari and Hedrick negotiated with the insurance company of the restaurant without filing a lawsuit and secured a settlement for our client in excess of seven (7) figures.

If you or a loved one is injured due to the negligence of another, please do not hesitate to contact Murray Guari Trial Attorneys PL at (561) 366-9099, immediately to protect and preserve your rights.

### **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's a recent review provided by one of our clients:

"To Mr. Jason Guari and Ms. Meghan Carney, thank you so much for everything you guys have done! After my car accident occurred, I was left with severe back pain eventually leading to surgery. Through every step, Jason and Meghan made me feel comfortable and safe. They were extremely compassionate, thorough, and dedicated to my case. Thank you so much again, you guys are truly the best!" ~ KL

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