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**Pedestrian Injured in Accident Settles Claims for \$1.27 Million**

A Somerset County woman, suffering from serious permanent injuries as a result of being struck by a pick up truck, has settled her claims against the driver of the vehicle and her own insurance carrier, which provided Underinsured coverage. The total amount of the settlement is \$1.27 million dollars. Michael Paglione, a partner with Szaferman, Lakind, Blumstein & Blader, PC, represents Plaintiff.

The accident took place in the winter of 2009, at approximately 9:30 at night, when the our client pulled her vehicle to the side of a road in a residential area. She activated the emergency flashers and exited her vehicle. She walked around the rear of her vehicle and was stepping onto the curb when she was struck by a pickup truck. The driver of the truck said he slid on ice in the roadway and lost control of his truck before impact.

The plaintiff's right foot was crushed against the curb by the front right tire of the pickup. The truck jumped the curb and ran over her left foot as well causing additional fractures to that foot. The operator of the truck then backed the truck off the curb, and in so doing, further injured the pedestrian's right foot, causing a large section of skin, muscle and nerves to be stripped away. She subsequently underwent multiple surgeries and now suffers from arthritis and complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS).

The defendant, pickup truck operator, had liability insurance policy limits of only \$500,000. This amount could not justly and adequately compensate the plaintiff for her serious injuries. Mr. Paglione investigated all other insurance coverage that could possibly be applicable to this case and discovered that there was underinsured coverage through another insurance company that the plaintiff's husband had gotten through his employer.

The plaintiff and her husband were not even aware that the Underinsured policy applied until it was explained to them by Mr. Paglione. The net result, an additional \$770,000 in settlement proceeds, making the total settlement \$1.27 million dollars. As a plaintiff's trial attorney, Mr. Paglione is an expert at trials,

but he is also an expert at insurance policies and how they apply to accidents and injuries.

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