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# Attorneys Murray & Hedrick Resolve Case for \$535,000 Against Insurance Carrier After Single Mother Sustains Life Altering Injuries

Partner Scott Murray, Esq. along with Keith Hedrick, Esq., recently secured a **\$535,000** settlement for our client, a young, single mother who was involved in a motor vehicle crash. She was just traveling to work when an 18-wheel car carrier violated her right-of-way and struck

the passenger's side of her vehicle. The collision's impact was especially forceful because the truck weighed in excess of 32,000 lbs.

ATTORNEYS ON CASE



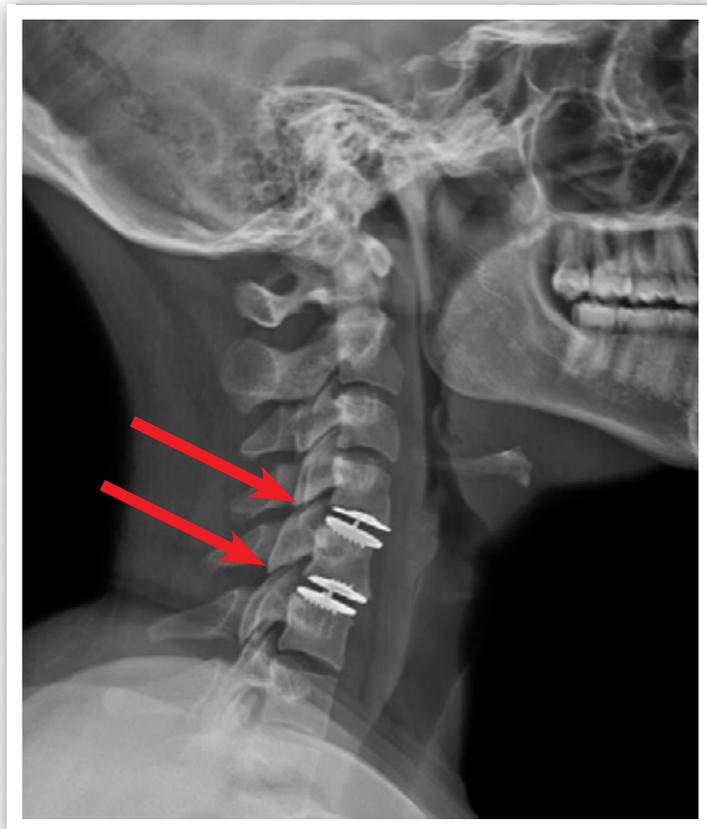
Scott C. Murray



Keith Hedrick

As a result of the crash, our client sustained injuries to her neck and low back and immediately presented to St. Mary's Medical Center. She was diagnosed with an Emergency Medical Condition ("EMC") related to the injuries to her cervical and lumbar spine. Following exhausting conservative care, including injections, our client had an **anterior cervical discectomy,**

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# When Insurance Company Refuses to Continue Negotiations, Murray Guari Files Suit – Case Resolves for \$250,000 in Litigation

Partner Scott Perry recently resolved a case for **\$250,000** while in litigation for a client who was involved in a car crash. Our client was simply driving down the road when the Defendant driver chose to ignore the rules of the road and ran a stop sign (violating our client's right of way.) The Defendant's negligence resulted in a forceful collision that caused our client a serious, low back injury.

#### ATTORNEY ON CASE



Scott B. Perry

Immediately after being retained, Attorney Perry and the team at Murray Guari Trial Attorneys obtained a copy of the citation and guilty plea for running the stop sign and obtained a statement from an independent witness, who corroborated the fault of the Defendant driver. Despite all this evidence, the insurance company for the Defendant driver began and then ceased negotiations and refused to return phone calls. With our client's best interests at heart, Attorney Perry filed suit.

In both claims handling and litigation, **the insurance company – through its lawyers – followed the standard tactics of deny, delay, and defend**, despite the overwhelming evidence that the Defendant driver was solely at fault and caused our client's injuries. Ultimately, the matter resolved at Court Ordered Mediation.

**Despite constant, friendly advertising that auto insurance companies are our friends, these companies are notorious for denying, delaying, and defending valid claims, because the longer they can avoid paying and wear you down, the more money they can save.**

If you or a loved one have been hurt in a motor vehicle crash, it is vital that you have attorneys who are willing to fight for fair and just compensation, and who are willing to file a lawsuit like Murray Guari Trial Attorneys. ■



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# Murray Guari Resolves Case for \$300,000 – Hard Working, Active, Young Client’s Life Affected by Low Back Injury After Crash

Partners Scott Murray and Jason Guari recently settled a matter for **\$300,000** in pre-litigation (without filing a lawsuit) on behalf of our young client who was struck by a large commercial vehicle weighing over 13,000 lbs. while he was in a large F-450 work truck. The force of the impact was heavy enough to push the F-450 – weighing over 6,000 lbs. – forward nearly a car length! Our client – whose job was manual labor intensive – had significant low back pain after the crash. His pain prevented him from being able to lead an active and productive life.



At first, our client went for conservative treatment, including Physical Therapy, Medications, and Injections. However, when that did not ultimately provide relief, he underwent a **two-level, lumbar microdisctomy surgery to remove portions of the discs in his low back that were pressing upon his nerves, which caused numbness and pain.** Above, as pointed out by the red arrows, are where the discs were pushing on the nerves, causing back pain.

Luckily, our client – who prior to the surgery – could not even bend over without pain, has made a wonderful recovery thanks to his orthopedic surgeon; he is now getting back to

some of his pre-injury physical activity.

Originally, the insurance company for the truck which caused

the crash did not want to fairly compensate our client, despite its driver having admitted to being distracted by his phone just before the crash. Luckily for our client, the team at Murray Guari (including Partner Scott Perry and Paralegal Cecilia Del Aguila) pointed out all the holes in the insurance company’s arguments and highlighted that the force of the impact had to be significant. **Therefore, heavy force on the spine could naturally cause an injury to the discs in the low back from the crash.** Ultimately, Murray Guari resolved his case without litigation, helping him close this unfortunate chapter in his life.

Remember distracted driving is not only dangerous, but it is also illegal in Florida. If you or a loved one have been hurt as a result of a distracted driver, call the attorneys at Murray Guari Trial Attorneys to find out your rights! ■

## ATTORNEYS ON CASE



Scott C. Murray



Jason J. Guari

## Insurance Carrier Compensates Single Mother for Serious Injuries

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**decompression and total disc arthroplasty at C4-5, C5-6, and a laminotomy with microdiscectomy at L4-5.**

Thankfully, the surgical procedures were successful; however, our client will never be the same person she was before to this incident. In the days, weeks, and months following the crash, her life was completely turned upside down due to pain, stress, anxiety, and physical limitations. Simple tasks became monumental endeavors and her

body was permanently changed. Our client's injuries, procedures, and recovery forced her to take nearly three (3) months off from work.

Although our client would not trade everything she went through for any amount of money, Mr. Murray and Mr. Hedrick battled with the insurance company to secure a **\$535,000** settlement. Thankfully, our client can finally put this event behind her, focus on her career, and raise her young child. ■

## When Facts Get Messy, It is Important to Have Attorneys Who Can Sort Through Them

Murray Guari Partners Jason Guari and Scott Perry recently resolved two cases for their young client who had the misfortune of getting in two car accidents back to back only a few months apart. After both incidents, she was still suffering from low back pain and had yet to reach Maximum Medical Improvement (MMI) from the first accident when she was involved in the second crash.

Some lawyers may panic or give up on cases when presented with these facts, but the Murray Guari team knew that these facts could be used to their advantage.

**Under Florida law, when someone is involved in a second accident that results in similar or indistinguishable injuries, then a jury can either apportion the damages (if it can) or if it cannot, then all damages are placed onto the first accident.**

Similarly, **under Florida law, a victim can assert a claim for an aggravation or exacerbation when a second accident makes a condition worse, thereby putting responsibility onto the second accident.**

By fully understanding this law and explaining this to the various insurance carriers involved: Bodily Injury (BI) insurance carrier accident one, Bodily Injury (BI) insurance carrier accident two, and Underinsured Motorist (UM) insurance carrier accident two, our client was fully and fairly compensated for her past medical bills, future medical bills, and pain and suffering from the two accidents. It is important to remember, when the facts get messy, it is important to have knowledgeable attorneys who can help sift through the evidence and use the law to their clients' advantage to get the best possible results. ■



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