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\$1.625 Settlement Reached for Woman Injured in Morris County Crash

A \$1.625 million settlement was reached prior to trial in *Bernstein v. Friedman* for a 38-year-old woman involved motor vehicle crash in Morris County.

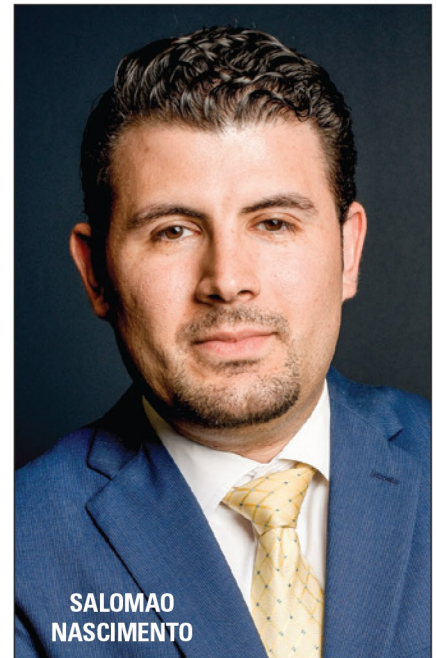
On June 9, 2017, plaintiff, Cynthia Bernstein was involved in a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Tempe Wick Road and Corey Lane in Mendham. The defendant, Linda K. Friedman, made a left turn in front of Bernstein's vehicle and struck the front driver's side of her vehicle, the suit claimed.

Dr. Michael J. Wilderman, a vascular surgeon, treated Bernstein for injuries which resulted from the crash. Wilderman diagnosed her with arterial thoracic outlet syndrome causally related to the crash and performed a thoracic outlet decompression

operation, according to **Salomao Nascimento** of **Epstein Ostrove** in Edison, who represented Bernstein and her husband.

Friedman retained Dr. Rajnik Raab, an expert in neurological surgery. Raab agreed that Bernstein's injuries were caused by the motor vehicle crash but disagreed that there was any evidence of thoracic outlet syndrome, said Nascimento, who handled the case along with **Daniel N. Epstein** of the same firm.

The matter was mediated and settled with **Kenneth Grispin**, a former Superior Court judge with **Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins** in Springfield, prior to the scheduled trial date. The court entered a dismissal order on July 18, 2022, according to electronic court documents.



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"We are happy that we were able to achieve some measure of justice and compensation for Cynthia and her family," said Nascimento.

Friedman's attorney, **Brian T. Byrne** of **Marshall Dennehy Warner Coleman & Goggin** in Roseland, declined to comment on the settlement.

— **Colleen Murphy**