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From The Senior Partner...

As we begin 2022, there are many exciting changes happening at our law firm. The onset of the new year marks our 22nd anniversary and we want to thank our clients, our colleagues, and our many friends for their support. We are happy to announce that effective April 1, 2022 our firm name will be **Hobbie & DeCarlo, P.C.** It is your support that has allowed us to continue to grow and prosper. As our commitment to providing excellent legal representation continues, our objective remains to constantly exceed your expectations and hope that you award us the highest compliment: your recommendation of our firm to others in need.

We hope you find this issue of Courtside of interest and we wish you all a safe and healthy New Year, and I extend our best wishes to you and your families a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

-Norm Hobbie

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\$1.965 Million Settlement For Plaintiff Injured in Crash with a U.S. Postal Vehicle

Crash victim C.F. settled his personal injury claim for a total of \$1,965,000.00, with Defendant United States of America (Federal Government) paying \$1,950,000.00 of the gross settlement. The remaining \$15,000.00 was paid by Co-Defendant R.F. The case was scheduled to proceed to a bench trial in the United States District Court in the District of New Jersey. (Cases that are filed against the United States of America are tried before a judge, and not a jury).

Norm represented C.F. in a personal injury claim arising from a motor vehicle collision that occurred in Toms River on November 13, 2016. C.F. was a rear-seat passenger in a Jeep that was struck by a postal truck that made a left turn in front of the Jeep,

pushing the Jeep into a tree.

As a result of this collision, C.F. sustained multiple injuries, including a traumatic laceration to his right eye resulting in the loss of vision in that eye, as well as facial bone fractures.

The case was defended by both Defendants on the issue of liability (that is, the Defendants pointed at each other as being the culpable cause of the collision) and Defendant United States of America argued the Seatbelt Defense. By utilizing the Seatbelt Defense, Defendant argued that Plaintiff was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash, and as such, he would not have suffered such serious injuries.

Man Injured in Fall at Construction Site Settles Case for \$1.2 Million

On August 30, 2021, Plaintiffs G.S. and C.S. settled their pending personal injury case for \$1,200,000.00.

Norman represented G.S. in a pending premises liability case. On May 24, 2018, G.S., who was present at the site to inspect flashing installed on a deck on the second story, fell when the exterior stairs at Defendants' construction site collapsed. Norm alleged that unbeknownst to G.S., a certain Defendant had removed the supports and safety rails that had secured the stairs to the deck, and other Defendants failed to post any warnings or barricades or to communicate the danger to G.S., who had been called over for the inspection. In fact, Plaintiff alleged a number of theories against various Defendants including RAS Home Improvement, Dakan Homes, and Sakeida Construction. As a result of the fall, G.S. suffered injuries, including a dislocation of his right shoulder/humerus requiring surgical repair, and a L4 vertebral fracture.

In addition to this third-party case, G.S. also had a worker's compensation case against his employer. The third-party case settled during Mediation with The Honorable Thomas E. O'Brien, P.J.Cv. (Ret.).



\$1.4 Million Settlement For Injured Ankle

On or about September 22, 2021, G.A., settled his personal injury claim for a total of \$1,400,000.00. Norm represented G.A. in a personal injury case arising from an August 26, 2016 incident, Plaintiff was competing in a tournament when he suffered an injury in the right ankle.

G.A. was required to undergo an internal fixation surgery to his ankle, which resulted in scarring, deformity and limited range of motion. The Defendants that were sued, included, the Defendant landowner, Defendant tenant and Defendant security company. The allegations in this civil lawsuit involved claims that these entities failed to provide adequate security.



\$1.25 Million for Man Struck by Commercial Truck

On April 28, 2021, E.V. and his wife R.V. settled their personal injury claims for a total of \$1,250,000.00. By way of background, on August 31, 2018, Plaintiff E.V. was exiting the Kohls shopping center in Brick when the Defendant Driver, who was operating a commercial delivery truck on Chambersbridge Road, ran the red light governing his lane of

travel while attempting to flee from a prior collision. Norm represented E.V., who sustained injuries to his neck, requiring him to undergo a cervical discectomy and fusion, which resulted in limited mobility and scarring. The case settled during a Mediation session with the Honorable James P. Courtney, Jr., J.S.C. (Ret.).

\$1.1 Million Settlement for Man Injured in Crash in Case Scheduled for Trial in Monmouth County

On July 28, 2020, A.F. and his wife, M.F., settled their personal injury case for \$1.1 million. By way of background, on August 29, 2018 at approximately 4:44 a.m., A.F. was traveling to work southbound on Twin Rivers Drive north at or near the intersection of Route 33 west in East Windsor Township when Defendant, D.R., who was operating a Liberty Mechanical Services vehicle on Route 33 west, failed to stop for a red traffic signal governing his lane of travel, causing a collision with A.F.'s vehicle.

The force of the impact caused both vehicles to overturn. Norman represented A.F., who sustained multiple crash-related injuries, including rib fractures, clavicle fracture, a torn rotator cuff (requiring surgery), a left hemothorax, and left scapular fracture. The Honorable Owen C. McCarthy, J.S.C. assisted the parties in resolving the case during a settlement conference in the Monmouth County Superior Court.

Ocean County Plaintiff Settles Case for \$950,000

Norm represented G.S. who was injured in a motor vehicle collision on April 19, 2018 while travelling northbound in the right hand lane on State Route 18 when Defendant, MCC, (a 17-year old who had been a licensed driver for less than two months) lost control of her vehicle (which had bald tires and apparently fishtailed on the wet roadway) and jumped over the curbed median that separates the on-ramp for the highway (State Route 18) at the merge to enter said highway, and crashed directly into Plaintiff's vehicle head on in angular fashion. As a result, G.S. sustained injuries to her neck and back, requiring her to undergo pain management procedures, and ultimately, a 2-level cervical discectomy and fusion. In addition to asserting negligence claims against the driver, Norman also asserted claims against the owner of the vehicle, alleging negligent, reckless, wanton and willful entrustment of a vehicle with bald tires on a rainy day to his daughter, an inexperienced 17 year-old driver.

Monmouth County Crash Victim Settles Case for \$950,000

Norm represented G.W., who was injured in a motor vehicle collision August 20, 2017. On that day G.W., then age 54, was seated in the driver's seat of a bright yellow and blue AJ Perri work truck that was parked in the front of the residence at 336 Applegarth Road in Monroe Township. On that same date and time, Tortfeasor T.S. was traveling southbound on Applegarth Road when he crashed into the rear of G.W.'s parked vehicle. In addition to the claims against the rear-ending driver (who was under-insured), Norman filed a claim against the company that insured G.W.'s work vehicle for underinsured motorist benefits. As a result of the crash, G.W. sustained injuries to his neck and back requiring him to undergo pain management procedures, and eventually a 3-level cervical discectomy and fusion.

The case settled during a settlement conference with the Honorable Owen C. McCarthy, J.S.C. in the Monmouth County Superior Court.



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