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For the past 20 years at Elliot Ifraimoff & Associates, P.C. we have been diligently fighting for the rights of our injured clients. Some of our cases are resolved through an out of court settlement while others, where clients' damages are severe and we see the potential for a significant outcome, are litigated in court and even resolved through a Jury Trial. What's at the heart of our decision making process on whether to go to court or not is our client's best interest!

It has always been our mission to obtain an outstanding result, as quickly as possible in every case while providing great service to every client! In this issue you will read some of our success stories. It is a distinct honor and a privilege for us to continue serving our community.

Practice Areas:

Auto accidents
Slip/trip & fall
Construction accidents
Work-related injuries

*Elliot Ifraimoff & Associates, P.C.
is proud to be a part of the effort
to cure childhood illnesses by
donating to St. Jude's children
research Hospital.*

\$1.5 Million Dollars Obtained

By Attorney Stephen Z. Williamson

We are pleased to announce another victory on behalf of our clients.

In this case, we represented a young, hardworking immigrant who made her living doing deliveries in buildings throughout NYC.

Our client was injured when an elevator in which she was riding dropped suddenly causing her to be thrown about. After this incident, she needed substantial medical care and missed years of work. Even after she resumed working, our client struggled for years with limitations, weakness and frequent pain.

We sued the building and the elevator company. The defendants disputed all our claims and the case unfolded over many years of litigation. As the case neared trial, the defendants recognized that we were prepared to try the case and win. With little time left before jury selection commenced, we negotiated this favorable settlement that ensured our client's future and gave her much needed closure.



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Full Policy Settlement

An out of court settlement of **\$100,000** was achieved for a 60-year-old cab driver whose vehicle was struck in the rear on a highway. Our client suffered some serious lower back injuries which required a minimally invasive pain management procedure. We are particularly proud of the fact that the settlement figure represented the full amount of the prospective defendant's insurance policy of \$100,000. In addition, the client didn't have to go through 3-4 years of litigation. Instead, we were able to settle out of court in 16 months from the accident.

Slip & Fall in the Bronx **\$375,000**

We represented a young client who was severely injured when he slipped and fell while walking down the stairs of his apartment building in the Bronx. The stairs were freshly mopped and no signs were placed to warn others of the wet floor. As a result of his fall, our client sustained a back injury which caused tremendous pain and required him to undergo months of physical therapy and a minimally invasive spinal procedure.

We sued the building due to the maintenance worker's negligence. Defendants did attempt to dispute our client's story at first. However, with the client's assistance we were able to produce video footage of the fall. Shortly after the lawsuit was commenced vigorous settlement negotiations began with defense counsel. We were able to secure a six figure settlement within 5 months of bringing suit and approximately 3 years before this case could have gone to trial.



Truck Accident in Brooklyn **\$350,000**

Client – a Home Health Aid, was driving on a highway in Queens when her vehicle was hit in the rear by a Tractor Trailer that was changing lanes. The impact caused damage to the client's vehicle as well as physical injuries.

Our client sustained injuries to her neck and back which were later diagnosed to be caused by herniated disks in her spine. Treatment consisted of physical therapy and pain management for her neck. The back injury required a minimally invasive spinal procedure. At least a year before this case could have gone to trial we were able to secure a \$350,000 settlement.





Parking Lot Accident in Queens **\$350,000**

Our client, an Uber driver was asleep between shifts, in his car at a parking lot when his vehicle was struck in the rear by a delivery truck. At first, the truck driver disputed causing the accident and accused our client of backing into his truck. By performing a thorough investigation of the scene and the damage to both vehicles we were able to establish that our client was telling the truth and convinced the defendant's insurance carrier to accept liability.

Client sustained serious injury to his lower back. His MRI test revealed two herniated discs. When he failed all conservative treatments client underwent a small endoscopic procedure on his lower back. This case went through all stages on litigation and was placed on the trial calendar, but we were able to resolve it at mediation for \$350,000 still about a year and a half prior to a possible trial date.



Hit-And-Run Collision **\$200,000**

In this three-car accident our client's vehicle was the first in chain when her car was struck in the rear by another vehicle which was pushed into client's car by yet another car that subsequently left the scene. Fortunately, the law in the State of New York provides for Uninsured Motorist benefits in a hit-and-run scenario. To her credit, our client maintained a \$250,000 policy for us to pursue.

Client injured her lower back and shoulder. Her lower back injury required physical therapy as well as pain management treatment. However, in the shoulder client sustained a Tear of the Rotator Cuff that required surgical repair. Litigation of the Uninsured Motorist claim could have easily taken 3-4 years and the result would be impossible to predict. In less than a year from the accident date we were able to obtain a guaranteed settlement in the amount of \$200,000.

Car Accident **\$450,000**

In this case we represented a 27 year old woman who was injured while a passenger in her friend's car when a driver of another vehicle suddenly turned left from the right lane. A video produced by our client played a major role in establishing liability in the case. As a result of the accident, our client sustained injuries to her neck and right shoulder. Her injuries caused many months of pain, required her to undergo physical therapy and two surgeries.

We filed a claim with the insurance carrier of the liable vehicle and were able to successfully negotiate a settlement in the amount of \$450,000 in as little as seven months after the accident.



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The greatest professional compliment we can receive is when one of our clients refers a friend, family member, or neighbor to our firm. Thank you! We appreciate your confidence in us.

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Every Auto policy should include **Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage**

It is important to make sure you have sufficient auto insurance protection. You do not want to find out after an accident that you are not covered. Purchase Uninsured/ Supplemental Underinsured Motorist coverage (UM/SUM). This coverage is relatively inexpensive, and every driver should have it.

Never sign UM/SUM waivers.

UM Coverage protects you in a hit-and-run accident or when a negligent driver in an automobile accident has no insurance. It pays you compensation for pain and suffering and economic loss.

SUM coverage safeguards you if you are injured by a careless driver who has only the minimal amount of insurance coverage.

However, your SUM coverage limits must be higher than the coverage limits available in the defendant's liability insurance policy. For example, if the defendant in your case carries a liability policy in the amount of \$25,000 and your Supplemental Underinsured Motorist benefits are \$100,000, we may be able to first obtain the \$25,000 for you from the defendant and then collect additional compensation for you, up to \$75,000 (\$100,000 SUM limits minus \$25,000 already obtained) from your Sum policy.

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Protect yourself Be sure you have sufficient auto coverage for every driver in the family. Talk to your auto insurance agent to learn the extent that your UM/SUM coverage will safeguard you and your family. If the coverage is inadequate, increase your coverage. It is typically a minimal cost and worth the protection.