

IN THE MATTER OF [REDACTED]

NAM ID No. 1000213791

An arbitration was held on November 14, 2018 with regard to the above referenced matter solely on the issue of damages. This case involves a motor vehicle accident which occurred near Central Avenue and Grove Avenue in the town of Hempstead in Nassau County on May 24, 2016.

Plaintiff was the only witness to testify at the hearing. In addition, plaintiff offered the following documents into evidence: the police report, plaintiffs ER records from South Nassau Community Hospital, plaintiffs records including a narrative report from her treating neurologist, Dr. Liguori, plaintiffs records from South Nassau Rehab, records from plaintiffs treating orthopedists, Orlin & Cohen, copies of verdicts and settlements of cases with similar injuries to plaintiff.

Defendant offered the following documentary evidence: plaintiffs Verified Bill of Particulars, ER records of plaintiffs treatment at South Nassau Community Hospital, a report from plaintiffs treating orthopedist at Orlin & Cohen, Dr. Mitgang, reports from Zwanger- Pesiri Radiology, with regard to MRIs of plaintiffs brain, cervical spine and left shoulder, a report from defendant's expert neurologist, Dr. Lerner, and a report from defendant's expert orthopedist, Dr. Loyd.

There is no evidence of any prior injury or treatment to the body parts at issue in this case. Taken together with the credible medical evidence, plaintiffs injuries are causally connected to the subject accident. Given the nature of the impact, plaintiffs treatment, which included multiple injections, the reduction in the number of hours plaintiff was able to work, her consistent symptoms, and the restrictions in daily living plaintiff had after the accident, plaintiff suffered a Serious Injury under the Insurance Law. While there was evidence of degenerative changes in plaintiffs spine and shoulder, she was asymptomatic prior to the accident, and living a normal life.

Accordingly, plaintiff is awarded \$ 20,000.00 in damages.

Dated: November 20, 2018



Larry Schachner