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**Headline:** New Jersey Auto ***Accident*** Case Settles In State Court For $600,000

**Result:** $600,000 settlement

**Injury:** Fractured wrist, fractured femur, bilateral distal radial shaft fractures

**Court:** N.J. Super., Essex Co.

**Judge:** Eugene J. Codey Jr.

**Plaintiff Profile**

Christopher Sage

**Defendant Profile**

Kathleen Pierce and Joseph Corte

**Plaintiff Counsel**

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**Defendant Counsel**

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that on June 12, 2003, Christopher Sage of Livingston, N.J., was a rear-seat passenger in a ***car*** that was traveling west on Route 10 in Livingston. At the same time, Kathleen Pierce was traveling east on Route 10 when she made an illegal U-turn into the westbound lane, where she struck the ***car*** carrying Sage. While the vehicles were at rest in the middle of Route 10, sources said, a second ***car*** driven by Joseph Corte was traveling west and struck the Sage vehicle and threw Sage from the ***car*** and onto the highway.Sources said Sage suffered a fractured wrist, fractured femur and bilateral distal radial shaft fractures. The femur injury required surgery with insertion of a rod, sources said. Despite responding well to the surgery and undergoing extensive rehabilitation, sources said, Sage had to abandon his pursuit of a career as a police officer.Sage sued Pierce and Corte on Oct. 18, 2004, in the Essex County Superior Court.

**Other:** Pierce paid $570,000, and Corte $30,000, of the settlement, sources said.

**Defense:** Allegations denied.

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

Kevin Aurori, M.D., Morristown, N.J. (expected to be called)

**Defendant Expert(s)**

Richard Davis, M.D., West Orange, N.J. (expected to be called) Steven Robbins, M.D., West Orange (expected to be called)

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