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**Headline:** Jury Orders Insurance Company To Pay $85,000 In New Jersey Underinsured Motorist Claim

**Result:** $85,000 verdict ($55,000 to Reena Cheung, $30,000 to Hong Cheung)

**Injury:** Disc injuries in the neck and back

**Court:** N.J. Super., Burlington Co.

**Judge:** Marc M. Baldwin

**Plaintiff Profile**

Hong Cheung, Reena Cheung

**Defendant Profile**

Allstate Insurance Co

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence, underinsured motorist

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that in May 2003, Hong Cheung of Willingboro, N.J., and his ex-wife, Reena Cheung, of Cherry Hill, N.J., were driving along the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Philadelphia County when they were rear-ended by another driver.Both suffered disc injuries to their neck and back, sources said. The ***accident*** caused Hong Cheung, sources said, to reaggravate a pre-existing neck conditions. Sources said both suffer from pre-eminent pain and have physical limitations because of the injuries.Sources said the Cheungs each received the ***car*** insurance limit of $15,000 from the driver who struck them, so they sued Hong Cheung's insurance carrier for additional money.Cheung and his ex-wife sued Allstate Insurance Co. on the claim of underinsured motorist on March 21, 2005, in the Burlington County Superior Court.

**Other:** Sources said Cheung and his ex-wife had already received $15,000 each in their suit against the driver who hit them, so the jury verdict was molded to $41,000 for Reena Cheung and $15,000 for Hong Cheung.The trial lasted two days, and the jury deliberated two hours, sources said.Sources said the nonbinding arbitration award was $52,000.

**Defense:** Allegations denied; not able to prove the injuries were permanent.

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

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**Defendant Expert(s)**

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