# [***Janine R. Parrella, Michael Parrella v. Richard A. Mendez, Richard Mendez Jr; 2006 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 1505***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4MJR-SB40-0223-Y258-00000-00&context=)

03-02918

Nov. 17, 2006

**Headline:** New Jersey Jury Delivers Split Verdict In Auto ***Accident*** Suit

**Result:** Split verdict (plaintiffs found liable; defendants found negligent)

**Injury:** Post-traumatic cervical and lumbar radiculopathy, cervical strain, C5-6 and L4-5 radiculopathy, lumbar instability at L4-5, sciatica, sacroiliac sprain, degenerative disc disease at L4-5 and L5-S1, exacerbation of lumbar degenerative disc disease, large central disc herniation at L5-S1 and left sternoclavicular sprain.

**Court:** D. N.J.

**Judge:** Anne E. Thompson

**Plaintiff Profile**

Janine R. Parrella, Michael Parrella

**Defendant Profile**

Richard A. Mendez, Richard Mendez Jr

**Plaintiff Counsel**

Robert G. Daroci, Law Office of Robert G. Daroci, Brielle, N.J

**Defendant Counsel**

George Amacker III, David Wright & Associates, Mount Laurel, N.J

**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** On July 9, 2001, Janine R. Parrella was driving her ***car*** north on State Highway 9 in Monmouth, N.J., and stopped to make a right turn when she was struck in the rear by a ***car*** driven by Richard Mendez Jr. and owned by Richard A. Mendez, causing her to be injured.Parrella suffered post-traumatic cervical and lumbar radiculopathy, cervical strain, C5-6 and L4-5 radiculopathy, lumbar instability at L4-5, sciatica, sacroiliac sprain, degenerative disc disease at L4-5 and L5-S1, exacerbation of lumbar degenerative disc disease, large central disc herniation at L5-S1 and left sternoclavicular sprain.Richard Mendez Jr. contended that Parrella's ***car*** was stopped on the shoulder of the road when his vehicle was cut off by an unknown vehicle, causing him to swerve from his lane and strike Parrella's ***car***.Parrella and her husband, Michael Parrella, sued the Mendezes on June 18, 2003, in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

**Other:** Richard Mendez Jr. was found negligent for causing the ***accident***, and Janine Parrella was found liable because her injuries were not caused by the ***accident***.Mendez requested a trial de novo on May 17, 2006.

**Defense:** Allegations denied

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

Ludmila Feldman M.D., neurologist, Staten Island, N.Y. Michael A. Marino, physical therapist, Staten Island, N.Y. Michael Neuwirth, M.D., spine specialist, New York, N.Y. Antonio D'Esposito, D.C., chiropractor, Staten Island, N.Y

**Defendant Expert(s)**

Joseph L. Paul, M.D., physician, Brooklyn, N.Y. Aaron A. Sporn, M.D., orthopedist, Hamilton, N.J

**Key Related Documents**

Jury order available.Document #99-061127-226R.

Jury verdict sheet available.Document #99-061127-227V.

Jury notes part 1 available.Document #99-061127-228X.

Jury notes part 2 available.Document #99-061127-229X.

Final pretrial order available.Document #99-061127-230R.

Defendant's request for trial de novo available.Document #99-061127-231X.

Answer to complaint available.Document #99-061127-232M.

Complaint available.Document #99-061127-233C.

Copyright LexisNexis, Division of Reed Elsevier Inc.

LexisNexis Jury Verdicts and Settlement Report

**End of Document**