# [***Joseph Gangemi v. Joseph Zizza, Mr. Pool Supply Inc; 2006 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 1763***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4MSY-GDB0-0223-Y2GM-00000-00&context=)

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**Headline:** New Jersey Man Who Injured Back In Auto ***Accident*** Settles For $650,000

**Result:** $650,000 settlement

**Injury:** Herniated discs at L4-L5 and L5-S1, which required a laminectomy and then disc replacement surgery

**Court:** N.J. Super., Middlesex Co.

**Judge:** Robert Feldman

**Plaintiff Profile**

Joseph Gangemi

**Defendant Profile**

Joseph Zizza, Mr. Pool Supply Inc

**Plaintiff Counsel**

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**Defendant Counsel**

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that Joseph Gangemi was driving his ***car*** on Gordons Corner Road in Manalapan, N.J., on Aug. 8, 2003, when Joseph Zizza allegedly ran a stop sign on Kingsley Drive at the intersection with Gordons Corner Road. Zizza's ***car*** sideswiped Gangemi's, causing it to flip over, sources said. As a result of the collision, Gangemi, who was not wearing a seat belt, was thrown backward in the ***car*** and suffered herniated discs at L4-L5 and L5-S1, which required a laminectomy and then disc replacement surgery, sources said.Zizza contended that Gangemi caused the ***accident*** because he was speeding around the corner and around a ***car*** that was attempting to make a right turn and thus came right across Zizza's path, resulting in the ***accident***, sources said.Sources said Zizza was using his own ***car*** to make a delivery for his employer, Mr. Pool Supply Inc., and he was ticketed for careless driving and going through a stop sign,Gangemi sued Zizza and Mr. Pool on April 11, 2005, in the Middlesex County, N.J., Superior Court.

**Other:** Sources said Mr. Pool's carrier, CNA Corp., will pay $550,000 of the settlement, with Zizza's auto insurance, AIG, paying the remaining $100,000.

**Defense:** Allegations denied.

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

Peter Staats, M.D., pain management specialist, Shrewsbury, N.J. (expected to be called if case went to trial) Robert Dengro, Ph.D., psychologist, Allenhurst, N.J. (expected to be called if case went to trial) Brett Prince, Ph.D., neuropsychologist, Tinton Falls, N.J. (expected to be called if case went to trial) Jeffrey A. Goldstein, M.D., surgeon, New York (expected to be called if case went to trial)

**Defendant Expert(s)**

Terence Fisher, biomechanical expert, Northfield, N.J. (expected to be called if case went to trial) Ian Fries, M.D., orthopedist, Monmouth County, N.J. (expected to be called if case went to trial) George Zazanis, M.D., Old Bridge, N.J. (expected to be called if case went to trial)

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