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**Headline:** Rear-End Auto ***Accident*** Case Settles In New Jersey State Court For $465,000

**Result:** $465,000 settlement

**Injury:** Aggravation of lower back problems.

**Court:** N.J. Super., Essex Co.

**Judge:** Patricia K. Costello

**Plaintiff Profile**

Maria Campos

**Defendant Profile**

Solomon Sternberg

**Plaintiff Counsel**

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that on Dec. 3, 2003, Maria Campos, then 74, was driving south on the Garden State Parkway in Union, N.J., when Solomon Sternberg, 82, abruptly changed lanes and struck the back of her ***car***, injuring her.The ***accident*** aggravated a pre-existing back condition and caused Campos to suffer another herniated disc in her back, sources said. Campos underwent back surgery, sources said, and had new hardware inserted to stabilize the discs in her back.Campos sued Sternberg on Oct. 12, 2005, in the Essex County, N.J., Superior Court.

**Other:** Sources said the state of Campos' injuries, not fault, was at issue in the case.Sternberg's insurance carrier, Selective Insurance Co., will pay the settlement, sources said.

**Defense:** Allegations denied; comparative negligence

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

None called

**Defendant Expert(s)**

None called

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