# [***Marilyn A. DeMott and Robert T. DeMott Sr. v. Pan-Hellenic Trucking Corp. and Tomas Kartzian; 2006 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 565***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4KWJ-9YY0-0223-Y0Y6-00000-00&context=)

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March 2, 2006

**Headline:** $175,000 Settlement Reached In New Jersey Chain-Reaction Auto ***Accident***

**Result:** $175,000 settlement

**Court:** D. N.J.

**Judge:** Faith S. Hochberg

**Plaintiff Profile**

Marilyn A. DeMott and Robert T. DeMott Sr

**Defendant Profile**

Pan-Hellenic Trucking Corp. and Tomas Kartzian

**Plaintiff Counsel**

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Marilyn A. DeMott was driving her ***car*** on Jan. 11, 2002, along Route 80 West in Denville, N.J., when it was rear-ended by a ***car*** driven by Alan Moskowitz. Robert T. DeMott Sr., Marilyn's husband, is the owner of the vehicle. The ***accident*** was part of a five-***car*** chain reaction that began when a Pan-Hellenic Trucking Corp. truck driven by Tomas Kartizan failed to stop in bumper-to-bumper traffic. The truck struck a vehicle driven by Ameenah Muhammad-Diggins, who then struck Moskowitz, who hit the DeMotts' vehicle. Marilyn DeMott suffered injuries to her back, including a herniated disc and sciatic pain. The DeMotts sued Pan-Hellenic and Kartzian on Sept. 18, 2003, in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

**Other:** Settlement terms were not disclosed, and the case was dismissed with prejudice. The DeMotts sought damages in excess of $75,000. Pan-Hellenic filed a third-party suit against Muhammad-Diggins, who counterclaimed against Pan-Hellenic and Kartzian. All claims were settled.

**Defense:** Allegations denied.

**Key Related Documents**

Order of dismissal with prejudice available.Document #99-060828-226R.

Order of dismissal without prejudice available.Document #99-060828-227R.

Request for trial de novo available.Document #99-060828-228M.

Order denying motion for sanctions available.Document #99-060828-229R.

Plaintiff's motions for sanctions available.Document #99-060828-230M.

Reply to the response to the defendant's motion for lack of jurisdiction available.Document #99-060828-231M.

Defendant's motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction available.Document #99-060828-232M.

Plaintiff's affidavit in support of motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction available.Document #99-060828-233X.

Response in opposition to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction available.Document #99-060828-234M.

Motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction available.Document #99-060828-235M.

Answer to defendant's counterclaim available.Document #99-060828-236M.

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