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**Headline:** New Jersey Jury Finds In Favor Of Defense In Auto ***Accident*** Suit

**Result:** Defense verdict

**Injury:** Herniated discs at C6-7 and L4-5, soft tissue injuries

**Court:** N.J. Super., Bergen Co.

**Judge:** Joseph Conte

**Plaintiff Profile**

Publio Rodriguez, Amparo Rodriguez

**Defendant Profile**

Michael Fierro

**Plaintiff Counsel**

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**Defendant Counsel**

Kenneth Foreman, Harwood Lloyd, Hackensack

**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence, loss of companionship and services

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that on Oct. 17, 2001, Publio Rodriguez was entering a Hackensack, N.J., intersection in his ***car*** when he was struck by a ***car*** driven by Michael Fierro. Sources said both men claimed to have had a green light, but a witness said Fierro had a red light. Sources said Rodriguez claimed to have suffered herniation of the C6-7 and L4-5 discs in his back and other soft tissue injuries, which resulted in his having difficulty working out and taking walks with his wife, Amparo Rodriguez; the defense claimed that the injuries alleged by Rodriguez, who is in his 50s, were the result of pre-existing degenerative conditions.The Rodriguezes sued Fierro on Oct. 14, 2003, in the Bergen County, N.J., Superior Court.

**Other:** Fierro admitted liability, and the trial was for damages only, sources said; the trial lasted three days and the jury deliberated for 40 minutes.Sources said Publio Rodriguez demanded $10,000.Sources said Amparo Rodriguez brought a claim of loss of companionship and services as she has to do more of the household chores.

**Defense:** Liability admitted

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

Stephan Dane, M.D., neurologist, Paterson, N.J

**Defendant Expert(s)**

Alexander Mittleman, M.D., orthopedist, Clifton, N.J. Douglas M. Noble, M.D., neuroradiologist, Oradell, N.J

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