# [***Robert Barrall, Barbara Barrall v. Christine Bachman; 2007 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 1614***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4NRC-PP20-0223-Y525-00000-00&context=)

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**Headline:** Elderly New Jersey Couple Settles Auto ***Accident*** Claim In State Court For $1 Million

**Result:** $1 million settlement

**Injury:** Broken bones in face and back, cerebral contusion, partial hearing loss, broken hip, broken clavicle, eye socket, herniated discs and injured rotator cuff

**Court:** N.J. Super., Burlington Co.

**Judge:** Edward Seaman

**Plaintiff Profile**

Robert Barrall, Barbara Barrall

**Defendant Profile**

Christine Bachman

**Plaintiff Counsel**

Dennis S. Brotman, Fox Rothschild, Lawrenceville, N.J

**Defendant Counsel**

Donald Mahoney, Chase Kurshan Herzfeld & Rubin, Livingston, N.J

**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that on Oct. 9, 2003, Robert Barrall, now 80, was waiting to turn left onto Atsion Road from Route 206 in Atsion, N.J., when his ***car*** was hit from behind by a ***car*** driven by Christine Bachman. The impact of the crash, sources said, sent Barrall and his now 76-year-old wife, Barbara, who was a passenger in the ***car***, into oncoming traffic, where they were struck head-on.The Barralls broke bones in their faces and backs and suffered cerebral contusions, sources said. Robert Barrall also suffered partial hearing loss, sources said, and Barbara Barrall also broke her hip, clavicle and an eye socket, herniated several discs and injured her rotator cuff.Sources said Robert Barrall still suffers from memory and concentration problems and has not regained his hearing. Barbara Barrall, sources said, still suffers from shoulder pain and restricted range of motion.The Barralls sued Bachman on July 11, 2005, in the Burlington County, N.J., Superior Court for economic damages because as a result of the injuries they sustained in the ***accident***, they are no longer able to care for their handicapped adult son and must now pay someone else to do so.

**Other:** Sources said Bachman was ticketed at the scene for unsafe driving.

**Defense:** Liability admitted.

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

John Gordon, Ph.D., neuropsychologist, Chester, Pa. (expected to testify if the case went to trial), Gary Goldstein, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, Voorhees, N.J. (expected to testify if the case went to trial), Robert Wolf, Ph.D., economist, Ann Arbor, Mich. (expected to testify if the case went to trial)

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