# [***Shawn Gibbons v. Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corp; 2006 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 1116***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4M9G-NBY0-0223-Y1N7-00000-00&context=)

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**Headline:** New Jersey Worker Reaches Settlement With Port Authority In ***Accident*** Suit

**Result:** Settlement

**Court:** D. N.J.

**Judge:** William H. Walls

**Plaintiff Profile**

Shawn Gibbons

**Defendant Profile**

Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corp

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Violation of the Federal Employers' Liability Act

**Background:** On July 19, 2004, Shawn Gibbons was working as an engineer for Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corp. on PATH locomotive ***car*** No. 863 when the brakes failed, which caused the train to collide into the bumping block on the Number Two track within the Hoboken, N.J., terminal.Gibbons suffered injuries to his spine and right leg.Gibbons sued Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corp. on Dec. 14, 2004, in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

**Other:** Settlement terms were not announced, and the case was dismissed without prejudice.Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corp. cross-complained against Gibbons on March 1, 2005, and the matter was resolved at the time of settlement.

**Defense:** Allegations denied; contributory negligence.

**Key Related Documents**

Order dismissing case as settled available.Document #99-061023-258R.

Answer to complaint/defendant's cross-complaint available.Document #99-061023-259M.

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