

THE RAIMONDO LAW FIRM OBTAINS \$800,000 SETTLEMENT FOR LONG ISLAND CLIENT INJURED IN UNSAFE LANE CHANGE COLLISION

\$800,000 AUTO ACCIDENT SETTLEMENT FOR LONG ISLAND VICTIM WHO SUFFERED SERIOUS INJURIES NEEDING PERMANENT HARDWARE

LAKE GROVE, NY, UNITED STATES, September 5, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Raimondo Law Firm, a personal injury practice based in Suffolk County, has obtained an \$800,000 settlement on behalf of a client who was seriously injured in a vehicle collision. The firm's client was struck by another vehicle that improperly changed lanes, propelling the client violently across oncoming lanes and into a tree. The collision resulted in significant trauma and long-term consequences for the plaintiff.

Motor vehicle collisions can lead to serious injuries, and in this case the plaintiff required surgical intervention and the placement of permanent hardware. Beyond the physical pain, medical treatment, and long recovery, the plaintiff was unable to work for almost a year following the accident.

"When our clients suffer serious injuries, there are consequences past the immediate trauma," said [Attorney Michael A. Raimondo, Esq.](#) of the Raimondo Law Firm. "The plaintiff required surgical intervention and permanent hardware for low back injuries. Beyond the physical pain, medical treatment, and recovery process, they were unable to work for nearly a year following the crash. With permanent hardware, the accident has a life-lasting effect. An \$800,000 settlement reflects the severity of the injuries and the disruption to the plaintiff's employment and daily life."



Profile Picture of Attorney MICHAEL RAIMONDO

LEGAL REPRESENTATION IS ESSENTIAL TO DOCUMENT AND PROVE WHO WAS AT FAULT FOR AN ACCIDENT

Under New York Insurance Law § 5102(d), a serious injury victim can sue an at-fault driver for pain and suffering after a car accident. Insurers aggressively contest cases, trying to minimize claims by disputing who was at fault or questioning the severity and impact of the injuries.

Obtaining evidence to prove fault is even more crucial in 2026 and beyond. New York's recent Insurance Law and Tort Reforms bar pain and suffering claims when an injured party is more than 50% responsible for an accident.

The claim that led to the recent settlement centered around negligent driving, specifically the failure to maintain a lane and the failure to operate a vehicle with reasonable care under the circumstances.



Profile Picture of Attorney DAVID J. RAIMONDO

The Raimondo Law Firm gathers evidence quickly to establish the facts and determine who was at fault. The speed at which evidence is secured is a crucial factor because accident scenes are cleared, recorded footage can disappear, and eyewitness accounts can change.

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Michael A. Raimondo, Esq.

Vital evidence often includes:

- CCTV or Dashcam footage showing the accident or the events leading up to it.
- Witness statements from other drivers or pedestrians.
- Vehicle telemetry, such as Event Data Recorder (EDR) logs.
- Cell phone logs.
- Professional witness statements, such as expert analysis by accident reconstructionists.
- Police reports, emergency call transcripts, and other first responder reports or logs.

Developing the timeline and objective facts surrounding a motor vehicle collision can help determine who was at fault and protect the client's right to sue.

PROVING SERIOUS INJURY IN NEW YORK

Documenting the severity and long-term impact of injuries was crucial to the [\\$800,000 car accident settlement](#) and countless other cases like it.

The Raimondo Law Firm works to document all medical damages. Extensive records and objective medical proof will often compel an insurer to settle before litigation. Even if a case proceeds to trial, the gathered medical evidence remains just as essential.

The Raimondo Law firm proves serious injuries by:

- Obtaining all documentation of treatments, medical consultations, physicians' findings, surgical reports, and medications prescribed.
- Documenting any medical hardware that is permanently implanted.
- Obtaining a physician's long-term prognosis for the injuries suffered.

Expert medical witnesses engaged by the Raimondo Law Firm provide credible evidence in these cases. An expert's findings can objectively outline permanent consequences of a motor vehicle accident, such as how medical hardware is placed and what it does, its impact on the patient's normal function or range of motion, and any other long-term effect.

Evidence gathered is used in negotiations and if a case proceeds to trial. New York's courts work in sequence. They first establish fault for an accident, ensuring that a plaintiff has the right to sue. They then establish if an injury passes the State's serious injury threshold.

Injuries that pass the threshold fall within the following categories:

- Death
- Dismemberment
- Loss of Fetus
- Significant Disfigurement
- Fracture
- Permanent Consequential Limitation
- Permanent Loss of Use
- Significant Limitation



Profile Picture of Attorney JON L. RAIMONDO

Surgical intervention and the placement of permanent medical hardware, as happened in the case leading to the \$800,000 settlement, is often the strongest objective proof that a plaintiff has suffered a serious injury.

THIS IS WHAT LONG ISLAND RESIDENTS CAN DO IF THEY ARE INJURED IN A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

The steps that injury victims or their loved ones take after an accident can have far-reaching implications on a potential claim later.

- Seek medical treatment immediately, even when there is no obvious injury. Delayed onset is common after shock and adrenaline wears off.
- Keep every medical record, including copies of prescriptions, bills, and anything else related to healthcare and treatment.
- Keep all financial records if income has been lost.
- Avoid accepting an early settlement. Do not provide a statement to another party's insurer. Do not sign a document.
- Contact The Raimondo Law Firm, 24/7, for a free case review and consultation.

ABOUT THE RAIMONDO LAW FIRM

The Raimondo Law Firm has spent over 35 years representing personal injury victims on Long Island. Led by attorneys David J. Raimondo, Jon L. Raimondo, and Michael A. Raimondo, the firm handles cases related to [motor vehicle accidents](#), premises liability, dog attacks, and other personal injury claims.

Based in Lake Grove, Brookhaven, the firm serves clients in Suffolk County, Nassau County, New York City, and Parts of Upstate New York.

Each member of the firm is committed to fighting for full and fair compensation for every client.

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