

## Motor Vehicle – Multiple Injuries – Defense Verdict

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Nicole Paquin recently obtained a defense verdict after a week-long trial in a motor vehicle case in Carroll County Superior Court.

The plaintiff alleged that the defendant negligently operated her vehicle on Route 16 in Wakefield, New Hampshire, causing the plaintiff to sustain personal injuries and property damage. More specifically, the plaintiff alleged that the defendant attempted a U-turn from the breakdown lane, crossing directly in front of the plaintiff's motorcycle. Attorney Paquin represented the defendant operator.

The defense argued that the defendant was reasonably and safely in the process of turning left into an unmarked road when the plaintiff's motorcycle struck the defendant's vehicle.

After the accident, the plaintiff treated for multiple injuries. Thirteen months later, he received treatment for an additional injury, which the plaintiff claimed was caused by motor vehicle accident. Attorney Paquin, on behalf of the defendant, argued that there was no evidence that the accident was the cause of the subsequent injury.

At trial, the plaintiff sought to recover special damages for the total loss of his motorcycle due to the sentimental value of the property. The defense successfully argued that the plaintiff's property damage claim should be limited to fair market value.

Numerous fact witnesses were called to testify regarding the extent of the plaintiff's injuries and property damage.

At the conclusion of the week-long trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.