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# NEW YORK INJURY LAW

# LEGAL BULLETIN



## Jury Verdict Recognizes Seriousness of Traumatic Brain Injuries

### NY INJURY LAW NEWS

A Columbia County jury recently awarded **\$2,000,000** to a woman who suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) after being struck by a company van. The insurance company offered only \$125,000 before trial, but the jury recognized the serious, lasting impact of her injuries and delivered full justice.

At **New York Injury Law**, attorneys John DeGasperis and Keith Clarke presented compelling evidence showing how the crash changed their client's life. Post-concussion syndrome (PCS) is often overlooked, but its effects can be devastating. Victims may face chronic headaches, dizziness, memory and concentration problems, light and noise sensitivity, anxiety, depression, and sleep disturbances. These symptoms can persist for years, disrupting work, relationships, and daily life.

"This was about accountability and justice," said John DeGasperis. "Our client suffered real, lasting harm. When the insurance company refused to take her injuries seriously, we took them to court, and the jury made the right call." Keith Clarke added, "This case reflects what we stand for at **New York Injury Law**. When a business causes serious harm and their insurer tries to minimize the damage, we fight to ensure the truth is heard — and our clients are made whole."

This \$2 million verdict highlights an important reality: traumatic brain injuries are not always visible, but they are life-altering. Victims deserve to be taken seriously, and negligent parties — and their insurers — must be held accountable.

## New York Injury Law at La Guelaguetza Festival

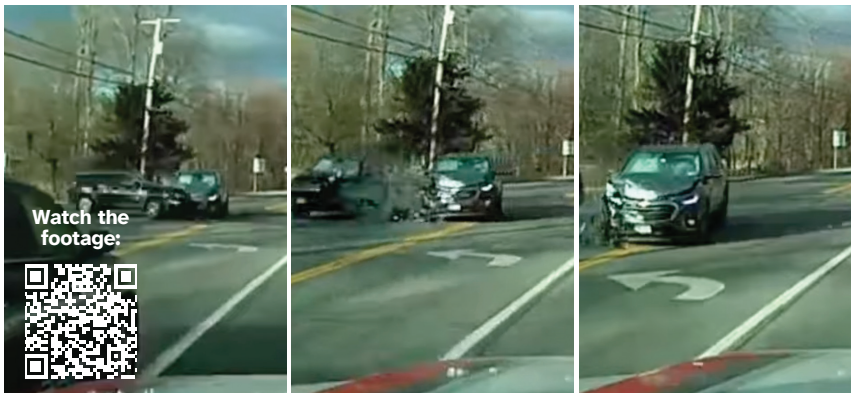
### COMMUNITY NEWS



On Sunday, August 3rd, 2025, New York Injury Law was proud to be part of the vibrant La Guelaguetza Festival at Victor C. Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie, NY. It was the perfect day to celebrate—filled with music, dance, food, and the beautiful traditions that make this festival so special.

At our tent, we handed out bilingual pamphlets about our firm along with free gifts, helping us connect with the community in a meaningful way. A big thank you to Carolina, Paul, Alex, and Briann for making the day run so smoothly—their hard work and positive energy helped us share in this wonderful celebration.





## The Power of Technology in Auto Crash Cases

### REAL CASES, REAL WINS

In today's world, technology plays a critical role in auto crash cases. Dashcams, CCTV footage, Ring doorbell cameras, and even business surveillance systems can capture moments that determine liability. But here's the challenge—most of this footage is deleted within days if it isn't preserved.

That's why acting quickly after an accident is essential. Contacting an attorney right away allows them to investigate, secure footage, and ensure that key evidence doesn't disappear.

At **New York Injury Law**, we leverage today's cutting-edge technology to strengthen our clients' cases. From carefully scouring surveillance footage and dashcam recordings to analyzing digital evidence frame by frame,

our team works tirelessly to uncover the details that make the difference. This relentless effort ensures we build the strongest possible case to fight for the justice our clients deserve.

A recent case in Dutchess County shows how technology can make or break an auto crash claim. Our client suffered devastating injuries after another driver made an illegal left turn, causing a head-on collision.

In this case, with the help of technology, we were able to obtain the full \$250,000 policy limits for our client before trial. The outcome highlights not only the dangers of careless driving, but also how critical modern technology has become in holding negligent drivers accountable.



## Understanding No-Fault Coverage: A Guide for Injured Drivers

### LEGAL NEWS

At **New York Injury Law**, we believe informed clients are empowered clients—so here's a quick breakdown of the **three primary types of auto insurance** that often come into play after a crash.

#### 1. PIP – Personal Injury Protection (a.k.a. “No-Fault”)

In New York, **PIP** is required by law. Often referred to as No-Fault Insurance, it covers medical expenses, lost wages, and other costs, regardless of who caused the crash. This ensures that injured individuals will receive prompt financial support without waiting for fault to be established.

#### 2. Liability/Bodily Injury Coverage

This coverage applies to the **at-fault party's insurance**. If another driver causes the accident, their **bodily injury coverage insurance** is meant to compensate you for your injuries and pain and suffering.

#### 3. SUM/UIM – Supplemental Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage

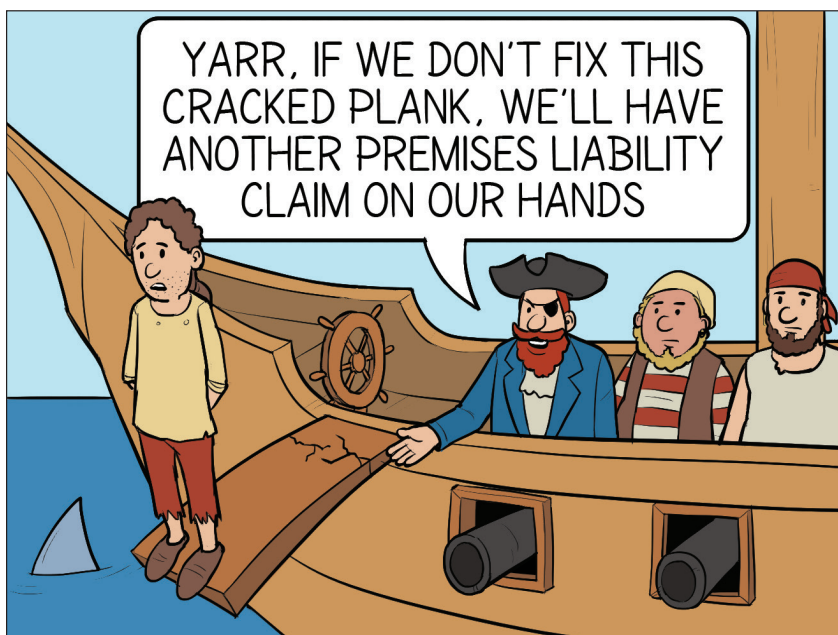
This type of coverage applies when the **at-fault driver has little or no insurance**. If you're injured by a driver who doesn't have enough coverage to compensate you fully, **SUM or UIM** may help fill the gap. It's supplemental protection that can be crucial in serious crashes where damages exceed the at-fault driver's policy limits.

#### How We Use This Information to Help You

Every time we represent a client injured in an auto crash, we investigate all three types of insurance coverage. Not every policy will be available or applicable in every case, but it's our job to ask the right questions and uncover every possible source of compensation.

At **New York Injury Law**, we don't just represent you—we fight to make sure no available coverage goes untapped.

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