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\$1.2M for Auto Accident

M*arsik v. Kukla*: Two women who were injured in a car crash and the estate of another who died settled their Morris County suits on Aug. 29 for \$1.2 million.

On March 17, 2004, the women were passengers in a car that crossed lanes on I-287 near Parsippany and collided with a tractor-trailer owned by E&P Logistics Inc. of Philadelphia, says one of the plaintiffs' attorneys, **Donald Caminiti**, of Hackensack's **Breslin & Breslin**.

His client, Helena Kukla, 70, of Suffern, N.Y., suffered broken bones and brain damage and has cognitive disabilities, Caminiti says. Hana Marsik, 58, of West Nyack, N.Y., also suffered broken bones. Emily

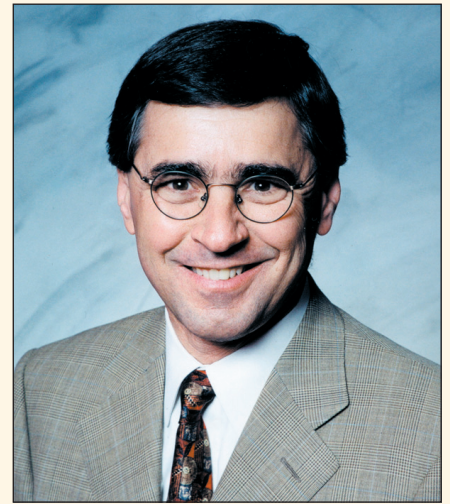
Paroulek, 68, of West Milford, was killed.

The truck driver's name could not be ascertained; he was using a stolen driver's license belonging to a Florida man, Miguel Martinez, say plaintiffs' lawyers.

The car's driver, Kukla's husband George, had primary coverage through State Farm Insurance Co., and secondary coverage through Travelers Insurance Co. State Farm will pay \$500,000, Travelers \$300,000 and Transguard Insurance Co., E&P's carrier, \$400,000.

Marsik and Kukla will each receive \$437,500 and Paroulek's estate will receive \$325,000.

Marsik was represented by **Amos Gern**, of Roseland's **Starr Gern**



Donald Caminiti won \$437,500 for one of three automobile passengers who were victims of a collision with a tractor-trailer.

Davison & Rubin; Paroulek's estate by **Ari Bernstein**, of Franklin Lakes' **Landel, Bernstein & Kalosieh**; State Farm by house counsel **Edward Martin** of Whitehouse's **Martin & Simmonds**; Travelers by **D. Scott Conchar** of the Morris Plains firm of **William Staehle**; and Transguard by **William Grae** of Millburn's **Goldberg & Associates**.

— *By Michael Booth*