

\$1.14M for Motorcyclist's Injuries
Yanover v. Rouse: A motorcyclist permanently injured when struck by a coach bus accepted \$1.14 million on April 4 to

settle his Bergen County suit.

On May 14, 2010, Dean Yanover, then 48, was stopped on Squad Place in Wayne at a red light at the intersection of Hamburg Turnpike. Bus driver Donald Rouse was turning left from Hamburg onto Squad when he turned too narrowly and struck Yanover, dragging him 73 feet, say Yanover's lawyers, Matthew Mendelsohn and David Mazie of Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman in Roseland.

Yanover suffered fractures to his hip, left shoulder and left lower leg; a rotator cuff injury in the shoulder; a left knee meniscus tear; and cuts, abrasions and burns. He had hardware surgically implanted and later removed. He is developing arthritis in the injured knee,

Mendelsohn says.

Yanover, a hair stylist, continues to manage the salon he owns but has ongoing pain and can no longer work on his feet for more than a few hours, Mendelsohn says.

Yanover claimed that Rouse, of



MOTORCYCLIST INJURED IN CRASH WITH BUS: Matthew Mendelsohn says his client was hurt when a bus made a narrow turn, hit him and dragged him 73 feet.

Union, negligently operated the bus and failed to observe Yanover.

The bus was owned by defendant Community Transit Lines Inc., a local subsidiary of defendant Coach USA, both of Paramus. Also named was Coach USA's parent company, Stagecoach Group PLC, based in the United Kingdom.

All defendants stipulated to liability. A trial to determine causation and damages, if necessary, was scheduled for late April, Mendelsohn says.

Defense counsel Michael Tuzzio, of Ronan, Tuzzio & Giannone in Tinton Falls, did not return a call.

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