



\$1.25M in Amputation Case

Hvidsten v. McQuilla: A motor vehicle accident involving an injured motorcyclist settled for \$1.25 million on Nov. 1 in Ocean County.

On Oct. 6, 2020, 45-year-old Hal Hvidsten was riding his motorcycle on North County Line Road in Jackson as Kathleen McQuilla's minivan made a left-hand turn in front of him onto Jackson Mills Road. Hvidsten's lawyer, according to **Barry Eichen** of **Eichen Crutchlow Zaslow** in Edison, said there were no witnesses to the crash.

The minivan struck Hvidsten and crushed his left leg against his motorcycle. He was taken

by medevac to Jersey Shore Medical Center, where he later underwent an amputation of his left leg below the knee. Hvidsten has since been fitted with a prosthetic leg and is expected to be able to walk again, Eichen said.

Hvidsten was unlicensed and uninsured, Eichen said.

The suit was filed in May 2021 and settled early in the case.

McQuilla's insurance company attributed fault to Hvidsten due to cocaine in his system, according to Eichen, but nevertheless tendered her full policy limit of \$1.25 million.



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Kathleen McQuilla was represented by John C. Prindiville of Sea Girt, who could not be reached for comment about the case.

— **Marianna Wharry**